



GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND -- Fourth graders Jeremiah Messerschmidt and Josh Messerschmidt have even given up their recesses to help their fellow student, R.J. Roshy while he is confined to crutches. Last year R.J. broke the same leg when he was hit by a car, causing him to miss a lot of school. This time he broke his leg skiing. Jeremiah and Josh have done a great job helping R.J. carry his lunch tray and keeping him company during recess time.

Ahrns to stand trial on open murder of toddler

Special to the Avalanche
By Phil Bendily, editor,
Roscommon County Herald-News

Bruce W. Ahrns, 29, of Grayling, will stand trial on open murder charges in connection with the death of 2-year-old Michelle L. Bird of Roscommon. Judge Francis L. Walsh bound Ahrns over to 34th Circuit Court after a March 30 preliminary examination in 83rd District Court, Roscommon.

Walsh told Prosecutor Dan Sutton that a specific charge of first- or second-degree murder can be determined in a later trial.

If Ahrns is charged with first-degree murder, Sutton and the prosecution team will have to prove that he fully intended to murder Michelle the evening he went to the home of Wendy Bird, Michelle's mother.

If he ends up being charged with second-degree murder, meaning there was no premeditation, then Sutton's prosecution team will have to prove Ahrns knew his actions would lead to great bodily harm or even death.

In closing arguments after hearing six witnesses in the preliminary

examination, Sutton tried to convince Walsh to order first degree murder charges.

"It is clear that he caused the child's death by a brutal beating," Sutton said. Defense attorney Bob Bennett argued that Michelle's death was not intentional.

"It was a tragic accident, but an accident all the same," Bennett said.

Wendy Bird testified early in the hearing that when she arrived home from returning two video movies to a rental shop in Roscommon on March 19, she saw Ahrns holding her daughter over his head.

She testified that he went down with her "fast" and when he came back into view, "he didn't have her."

"At first I didn't hear any crying, then I heard crying, loud crying," Bird said.

She said Ahrns then carried "Mich" into her bedroom. Bird said she heard a "thump" from Michelle's room.

By the time she reached the bedroom, her daughter was lying on

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Judge rules against AMAC, others in Camp Grayling dispute

U.S. District Court Judge David W. McKeague of Michigan's Western District has ruled against The AuSable Manistee Action Council (AMAC); The Anglers of the AuSable; The AuSable North Branch Area Association; the AuSable River System Property Owners Association; the County of Kalkaska; the Township of Garfield; the Township of Lovells and the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited in their challenge of Camp Grayling's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) concerning a new battlefield range at Grayling, scheduled for early 1995 construction. The Multi-Purpose Range Complex-Heavy will be built near the AuSable River Main Stream and its North and East Branches.

If successful, the AMAC legal action would have required the National Guard to revise the EIS to reflect current training needs, regulatory policies, operational impacts and existing range contamination from decades of use.

Despite AMAC's contention that the Guard omitted many key environmental impacts from its EIS, Judge McKeague would not allow the introduction of new AMAC evidence.

AMAC president, Dan Alstott said, "We and our partners in this suit are

naturally very disappointed with the outcome. The Guard and the government, including its courts, have a moral and ethical responsibility in this issue which has been summarily cast aside in favor of Camp Grayling's intention to enlarge its facilities to better compete with other such camps for the summer training trade. There is no national imperative; this expansion is not needed; it is a gross misuse of federal money and, in our opinion, is a miscarriage of fiscal and environmental justice."

As to future action, Alstott said, "AMAC will continue to represent citizens and property owners who are concerned about Camp Grayling's past, present and future effects on the area's fragile ecosystem along with the health and welfare of its inhabitants. Our goal is not to close the camp and hurt the local economy. We do believe, however, that continued irresponsible environmental management by the National Guard will have the same effect. We intend to continue monitoring range contamination testing and future proposals. One of our current goals is establishing the 'cause and effect' linkage between Guard operations and area contamination."

School votes recounted -- with same results

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The election results are now official from the March 21 school bond issue -- and the outcome is the same.

Proposition I, an \$8,895,000 request to build a second elementary school in Grayling, passed. Proposition II, a \$3,100,000 request for renovations at Grayling High School, failed.

The four-member Crawford County Board of Canvassers, working with county clerk Elizabeth Wieland spent from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, March 31 recounting the votes after a request for a recount was filed by Grayling resident Roger Kneff.

In filing his request Kneff cited

possible fraud or error as his reason, and paid a \$10 filing fee per voting precinct to have the votes recounted.

All other costs of the recount, including wages of \$32 per canvasser, must be paid by the Crawford AuSable School District.

After five hours and 3,137 votes counted, with only one vote in question, Kneff conceded to the accuracy of the original count.

Kneff's son, David said the intention was never to charge anyone with fraud, but as he understood it the request form required that specific reason.

"We're just exercising our constitutional right," Kneff said.

"After seven elections, we're entitled to one recount."

According to Wieland, the Michigan Election Commission does require either fraud or error, but not both.

The recount opens the way for work to progress on the design and construction of the new school, to be located adjacent to the present Grayling Elementary School. Construction at that location will necessitate the relocation of the Grayling High School football field to a position just north of the high school.

Although the new football field could be ready for the 1995 football season, the new elementary school is not expected to be completed until

prior to the students' return for the 1996 school year.

The new building will house grades preschool through second. The existing building will house third through fifth grades. Currently fifth graders attend classes in the Grayling Middle School. By moving the fifth grade back into the elementary school complex, the Crawford AuSable district will be able to eliminate the portable classrooms at the middle school, while reducing the number of students in the building to a number below building capacity.

School officials said issues rejected in Proposition II will be discussed in the future.

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Who cares if its snowing outside --

Inside the Holidome at the Grayling Holiday Inn the weather was warm and balmy enough for an afternoon of kayaking.

Katie McNamara of Grayling spent a portion of her Saturday, April 1 demonstrating 360-degree kayak rolls as part of the Rendezvous 95 outdoor show sponsored by Cartwright and Danewell Provisioners.

Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the day learning about the quiet sports.

See related story and pictures on page 1B.

Corlews still searching for son after 21 years

By Terry Wright
News Editor

On March 15, 1974, 18-year-old Perry Otto Corlew of Grayling abandoned his car in the middle of the I-75 expressway, fled into the night and has not been seen nor heard from since.

Through the 21 years that have elapsed since that night, Perry's parents, Bud and Roberta Corlew of Grayling, have never given up hope of finding their son.

"It's okay if Perry doesn't want to be involved with his family," Bud said. "We just want to know that he's alright. We don't want to go to our graves not knowing."

Perry Corlew had been a troubled teen, in more than his share of scrapes

with the law. The family may never know what prompted him to flee after a minor fender bender accident in Grayling that night, but speculation is that he had been drinking and feared losing his driver's license.

When his car overheated from the accident just south of the Crawford Roscommon county line, it is thought he just took off on foot, possibly hitchhiking a ride out of the area.

The vehicle was later discovered with the engine running, the lights on and the driver's door wide open, but Perry was not around.

After years of an exhaustive roller coaster search that has given the family hope time after time, only to be taken away and replaced with disappointment, today the Corlews are

again optimistic the latest clue to the puzzle may bring their son home.

Today, the Corlews have a computer enhanced picture of what Perry should look like today, at age 40. The picture was obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the request of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department after the case was reopened in March of 1994 following a 3-part series on Perry's disappearance in the Avalanche.

At that time Roberta Corlew had asked for help in obtaining the picture in hopes of getting it aired on NBC-TV's *Unsolved Mysteries*. The picture she got was startling.

"When I first saw the picture," Roberta said, "I was looking at my father. Perry looks just like him."

Although the Corlews have released the picture to the Avalanche,

they haven't decided if they will continue trying to get it on national television.

Bud said sheriff David Lovely had cautioned them that national exposure would probably bring dozens of false sightings and prank calls meaning hundreds of hours of follow-up by the family costing possibly thousands of dollars and much heartache.

"It could end up hurting us even more if Perry isn't found," said Bud. "The sheriff also said since Perry is not wanted for any crime, we could be infringing on his rights. We haven't decided what we'll do, but no matter what we do with this picture, we won't give up looking for Perry."



Perry Corlew at age 18, shortly before he disappeared on March 15, 1974.



An FBI computer enhanced image of what Perry Corlew should look like today at age 40.

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Michigan's tax form grows larger each year

By Yvonne LaFave
 Capital News Service
 It just keeps growing and growing and growing.

No, it's not just the Michigan Lotto jackpot or the national debt, it's the Michigan 1040 individual income tax form.

State Treasurer Douglas Roberts estimated the form gets three lines longer every year. This makes the form more complicated, but lawmakers add the items for good reasons, Roberts said.

"Nobody set out to make the forms more complicated; we simply added

"We did it one law at a time"

one good law at a time," Roberts said. "It just adds up after several years of good laws."

Adding one or two lines to support a good cause doesn't seem like a bad idea, but combining those individual decisions can create more headaches for taxpayers, Roberts said.

The 1040 form for the 1994 individual return has 69 lines, and several booklets are available to help taxpayers determine certain credits and deductions. Roberts estimated the form will be twice as long in 20 years.

Most of the items that have been added to the form since Michigan adopted an individual income tax in 1967 have been credits or deductions for taxpayers, Roberts said. For example, credits for donations to community food banks, homeless shelters or political campaigns have been added to the form in recent years.

"The question is: How did the form get so complicated," he said. "The answer is: We did it one law at a time."

Scottville resident Carol Alway said she has an accountant complete her return because it's too complicated to do herself.

"If the form could be shorter and simplified, maybe more people could do it for themselves," Alway said.

Tim Massie, a certified public accountant with Claire, Massie and Company CPAs of Ludington, said the extra items make a few more minutes work for professional tax preparers. The additions create more problems for individuals who try to complete the forms without an accountant's help, Massie said.

"For some people, it doesn't even create more problems because they

don't know what the credits are or if they're eligible," he said. "Many individuals don't even know what credits they're eligible for."

Massie said accounting firms across the state benefit from the more complicated tax form.

"As long as they keep making it more complex, we stay in business," he said.

"Check-off items" also have made the form longer. These items allow taxpayers to use their return to make a direct contribution to a charity by checking off a box on the return. Two check-off items -- the Children's Trust Fund and the Nongame Wildlife Fund -- are on the Michigan form.

David Mills, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund, which supports programs to prevent child abuse, said supporting charities is worth the few extra minutes it takes to complete the tax return. The fund

received about \$820,000 from tax-return donations in 1993.

"Preventing child abuse is such an important issue, I don't have any shame about hitting people up for money anywhere I can," Mills said.

However, Gaylord resident Bruce King questioned whether direct contributions should be on the tax form.

"My understanding is that the form is for taxes, not to donate to charities," he said.

Allowing certain charities to receive direct donations from the tax return picks favorites and leaves out other worthy causes, King said.

Treasurer Roberts said there's no easy solution to balancing the need to help charities and the need to keep the form simple. Roberts predicted the form will continue to get longer and more complex.

"The only reason Michigan's income tax form is not yet as complicated as the federal form -- and it isn't -- is because the feds had a 50-year head start on us," Roberts said.

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her bed, limp, not breathing and her eyes only half open.

"Please tell me you didn't throw her," Bird said she told Ahrns. She said he just looked "like a deer caught in headlights... like caught off-guard."

Ahrns told her he and child had been just playing, that he lost his grip and she hit the wall, Bird further testified.

Ahrns and Bird immediately drove Michelle to the Roscommon County Sheriff Department, just one block away.

Deputy Jack Sheppard, a certified emergency medical technician-specialist and CPR instructor, began resuscitation efforts when he realized the child was not breathing.

Higgins Township Ambulance personnel responded to the emergency call and transported Michelle to Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Michelle died there after almost two hours of artificial resuscitation efforts.

Bird said she and Ahrns had initially concocted a false story to tell the police because Bird was afraid Child Protective Services (CPS) would take her child away.

She testified that she had previously been told by CPS to not leave Michelle unattended with Ahrns, due to concerns about possible child abuse.

According to testimony of State Police Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard, Ahrns' account of the evening centered on playing and "dropping" the child many times while trying to revive her.

According to Lenhard, Ahrns made written and recorded statements to police, indicating that his arm became painful while playing and holding Michelle in the air.

Lenhard said Ahrns claimed he dropped Michelle, saw she wasn't breathing, tried to revive her and then carried her to her bedroom, where he dropped her again, due to the sore arm.

Ahrns' many statements -- at least six -- varied greatly from the first to the last statement, Lenhard said.

Walsh noted those inconsistencies when he ordered Ahrns to stand trial in Circuit Court.

He said the statements were "very, very inconsistent with each other."

In asking for first-degree murder charges, Sutton pointed to an earlier relationship between Bird and Ahrns five years ago.

Bird testified that she had aborted Ahrns' baby while he was assigned to the Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on active duty. Sutton tried to convince Walsh that Ahrns had intended to kill Michelle, in retaliation for his child's death.

At the time of the abortion, Ahrns did not know that Bird was pregnant with his child, according to Bird's testimony. Sutton said he could produce a witness who could swear that Ahrns knew about the abortion after the fact.

Walsh said he based his decision partly on the testimony of Dr. Douglas Slater, the attending emergency room physician when Michelle was brought in on March 19.

Slater said retinal hemorrhaging was evident behind both eyes. That particular injury, according to the pediatrics-certified Slater, was consistent with the "shaken baby" syndrome or a severe auto accident.

In either case, her injuries were "consistent with severe trauma," Slater said.

The other main factor in Walsh's decision was an autopsy report made in Grand Rapids the day after Michelle's death.

Walsh said the report indicated at least 10 different bruises about her head, as well as cerebral bleeding.

Sutton said that since Ahrns is being held without bond, he is entitled to a jury trial within six months. He expects that a potential mental examination may delay that start time.

Sutton said the trial should be started by the end of the year.

Upon hearing that Ahrns will remain in jail without bond, Michelle's maternal grandmother, Barbara Mason of Roscommon, was very relieved.

"Now, he can't hurt anyone else," she said.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

New City Police Officer



The City of Grayling has a new face on its police force. Darrell W. Earls is the newest member of the Grayling City Police Department.

A Crawford County resident for 14 years, Earls sold his business, AuSable Glass in 1992 and began to attend Kirtland Community College. He graduated Magna Cum Laude where he received a Criminal Justice Degree in May, 1994. Since graduating, Earls worked for the probate court.

Earls was told the best way to get into law enforcement was to get into the reserve program. So in 1983 he became a reserve deputy for the Crawford County Sheriff Department. His wife, Sherry, was also a reserve deputy.

"I've always been intrigued by it (law enforcement)," said Earls, explaining his career choice. "I have relatives in law enforcement. I thought it would be an honorable profession."

Speaking about the area, Earls said it's a great place to live. "It's a great place to raise children too," he said. "That's why we moved here."

His daughter, Nicollette, 11, attends Grayling Middle School where she is in the band and advanced studies.

Earls is radar certified, a medical first responder and received the Presidents Physical Fitness Award.

His shift at the Grayling Police Department runs midnight until noon. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and boating.

Road commission lifts spring weight restrictions

James Briney, Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County has announced that in coordination with the State of Michigan and area road commissions, the spring weight restrictions, imposed on March 7, will be lifted at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 1995.

Beginning Monday, April 10, the road commission will begin a 4-day, ten-hour per day work schedule.

Road commission board meetings, normally held every other Friday, will be re-scheduled to occur every other Thursday during the summer schedule. The first Thursday meeting will be held on April 20, at 10 a.m. in the road commission offices at 500 Huron Street in Grayling.

Lowes selected as GSB Employee of the Year

James R. Kanary, chairman and CEO of the Grayling State Bank (GSB) is pleased to announce the selection of Rhonda Lowes as the 1994 Employee of the Year. The award was presented at the annual employee dinner on Jan. 21.

Lowes began her career at GSB in April 1991, in the Operations Department. She was promoted to her current position of Installment Loan Processor in January, 1992.

In nominating Mrs. Lowes, Rhonda Haas, assistant vice president said, "Rhonda has always performed any task assigned to her with a willingness to learn and excel. She is dependable and works well with others throughout the organization. Rhonda has a great sense of humor and can be depended upon to keep the morale high. She



Rhonda Lowes

projects a very positive image of a GSB employee."

GSB is an affiliate of Citizens Banking Corporation.

Senior Power Day set for May 10

Michigan Senior Power Day is a statewide gathering of senior citizens. On Wednesday, May 10, at the Lansing Center in the state capitol, senior citizens will gather to:

- Learn about issues important to them,

- Let the elected officials of Lansing know how seniors feel about those issues,

- Meet other seniors with the same concerns and interests, and

- Have some fun!

For 21 years, Michigan Senior Power Day has been working for Michigan seniors. The board of directors is comprised of a non-partisan diverse assembly of individuals representing organizations from throughout Michigan.

To learn more about Senior Power Day, or to find out how you and your organization can get involved, call or

write: Michigan Senior Power Day, 115 W. Allegan, Suite 610, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 482-4725.

Youth club presents flag

The Modern Woodmen of American Junior/Teen Service Club of Grayling recently presented a United States flag to Jean Kenney's Child Care.

Leader of the club, Patty Salyers said, "Respect for the stars and stripes goes hand in hand with respect for our country and ourselves. Showing respect for the flag gives us a good feeling. It's a feeling we like to share with others."

The club is one of more than 650 youth clubs nationwide sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance society with headquarters in Rock Island, IL. Members of these clubs participate in volunteer projects in their communities.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Jennifer Perez and Roy Perryman of St. Helen: Roy Jay Perryman, March 14, 1995, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

William and Robin Small of Comins: Lucas Allen, March 17, 1995, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

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Affordable housing workshop offered

Empire National Bank of Grayling, and Two Lakes Building Corp. of Higgins Lake, announce that they are co-sponsoring a workshop on the many affordable housing options available to home buyers today.

The free workshop will be held at the Houghton Lake Holiday Inn on Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m., and will last approximately one hour.

Topics of discussion will include the many affordable mortgage loan options available today, such as the

FmHA-Guaranteed mortgage and the Affordable Gold mortgage, as well as homes that can be built within the parameters of the affordable loan programs. Potential homeowners will also gain valuable information about the mortgage qualification process.

For more information, or to register, call Keith Kenney, Empire National Bank, at (517) 348-7651 or Sue Davidson, Two Lakes Building Corp., at (517) 821-6349.

United Way now accepting requests

The Crawford County United Way is now accepting requests for applications for funds in 1996. Currently funded agencies need not request an application, as one will automatically be sent to them. Other non-profit agencies are invited to apply, provided they have 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, a current License to Solicit from the Michigan Attorney General, and a non-discrimination clause in their by-laws.

Each year, over \$50,000 has been

raised in Crawford County and distributed to 16 local agencies. The Crawford County United Way is run totally by volunteers and therefore has very little administrative expense — less than one percent.

If you agency meets the required criteria and you would like an application, send your request to Paul Thomson, vice president, Crawford County United Way, PO Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738, before May 15, 1995.

County commission schedules special work session

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a special work session on Monday, April 10, at 1 p.m., in the Crawford County Courthouse.

The session is intended to be a work/study question and answer period between commissioners and their attorney John Huss, and attorney Michael Nelson representing the interests of City Environmental Services Inc. of Waters (CESW), concerning CESW's proposed solid waste amendment.

The public is welcomed to attend, but no time allotment for public questions is scheduled.

Thank You for a great Rendezvous '95
See you next year!

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stranded motorist impressed with Scheer hospitality

To the editor:

I would like to tell you of an experience that I had here in Grayling the week of March 24 to April 1.

I was traveling north, passing through Michigan, when my truck broke down at mile 265 on I-75 at 10:30 p.m. Friday night. I can't even begin to tell you of all the frustration I went through, trying to get the parts for my truck. I pull campers, so I did have a ready-made motel on my back, so to speak. Here is where the bouquet starts. My truck and camper were parked at Scheer Motors. I have to tell you that Scheer Motors could change

their name to Scheer Hospitality. I wish I could name all the employees there, but that would be impossible. I have never been treated as well as I was at Scheers. I'm here to tell you, I have had a chance to personally watch the employees at work, and not only the hospitality I received myself, but I witnessed from sales to service, a dedication to serve each customer that is really rare. In closing just a big thank you to all at Scheer Motors. I will think of you often.

Roger Koseruba
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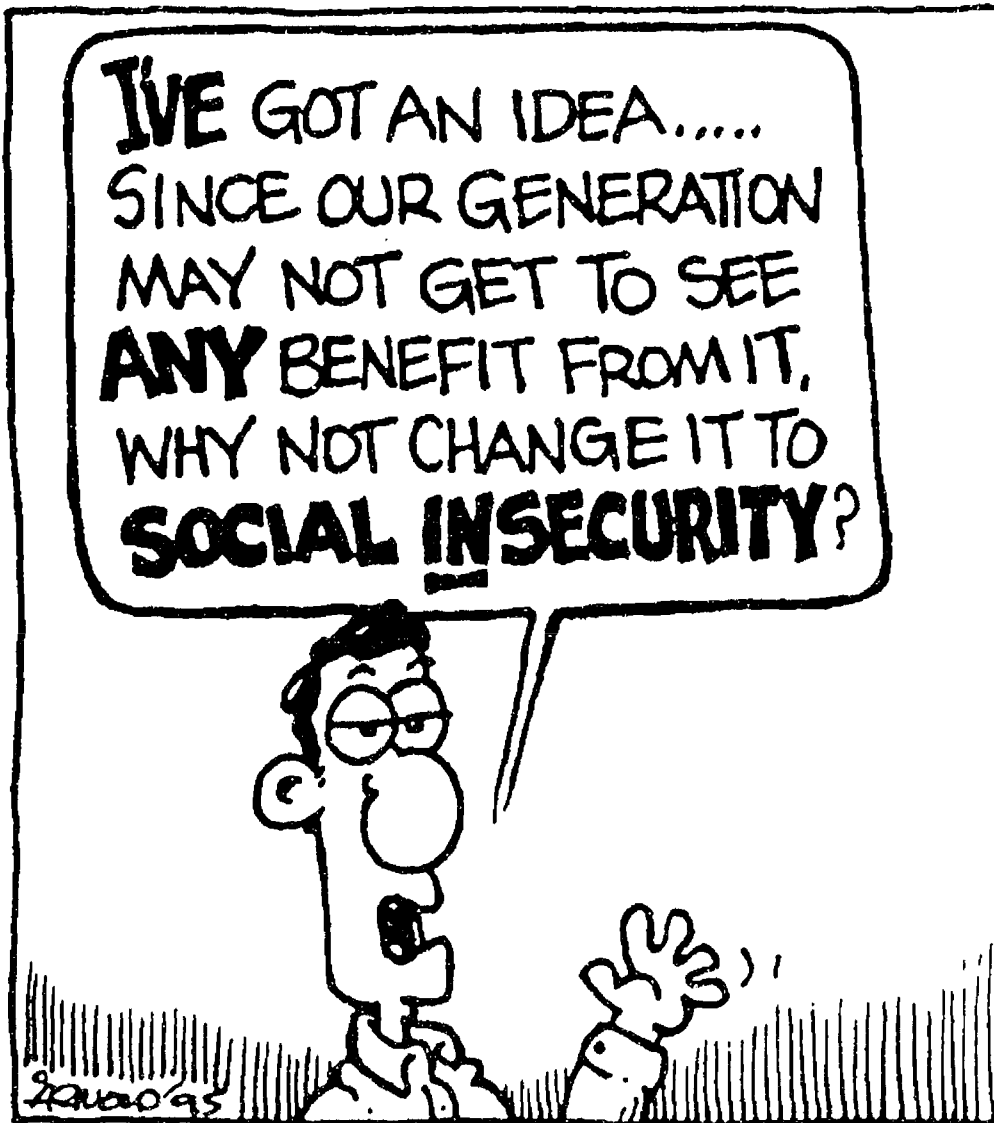
Reader welcomes Fitzgerald column

To the editor:

Jim Fitzgerald is a welcome addition to the *Crawford County Avalanche*. Mr. Fitzgerald's column is a step

toward bringing some much-needed balance to your newspaper.

Nancy J. Marchywka
Grayling



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or hand-written, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

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Community news items submitted to the *Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. please use every other line.

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ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Paper bags may be in order

THE MICHIGAN Legislature — along with most leaders of higher education — seem intent on shutting the public out of selection of university presidents.

Up until now, Michigan Freedom of Information laws give the public the right to know what's going on when leaders are picked for Michigan's multi-million dollar business of higher education.

Often that's inconvenient for those who want these jobs, which pay well over \$100,000 a year of taxpayer money, usually along with housing and other lucrative perks of office.

Those who want to change the system contend that openness chases away the best candidates.

While that's questionable, there's some validity to the claim that a completely open system might discourage some applicants.

Some may not want it known they covet another job — people like their bosses, or their colleagues, or just friends and neighbors.

Others may not want it known that they applied for a job, and didn't get it — especially if they didn't even make the final cut.

THE STATE SENATE has passed a bill to close the process until the list of finalists is down to three. Then it opens up, and the public would have 30 days in which to react.

It doesn't say what happens if there are four finalists.

But senate debate hatched the idea that the magic number should be one — the public should not be let in on the process until the final selection has been made.

Perhaps we should go one step further.

How about the idea that the public has no right to know who the final choice is at all?

If secrecy will make for a better selection of university president, then if follows that secrecy will improve the performance of the president once selected.

The new president can make decisions regardless of outside pressures. The new president can cut programs here, and increase programs there, and raise or lower tuition and fire deadwood professors — and nobody will know who did it, and the new president can pursue efficiency and promote only what's good for the university, without fear of public reaction.

SECRECY WILL be the key to progress. The president can wear a plain paper sack over his/her head, and the public can judge performance on the basis of result without concern for personality or method.

That makes as much sense as picking a president in secrecy in the first place.

If a potential university president cannot stand the pressure of public scrutiny before she/he is selected, can he/she be expected to stand the pressure of public scrutiny of job performance?

Secrecy in any government

operation — including public universities — may bring comfort and ease to those involved.

But is it right?

Maybe we should extend the paper-bag option to all public officials.

Would members of the legislature make different and better decisions, for example, if the public's not allowed to know what's going on until the decisions are made and the laws enacted?

It's the same principle.

DEE DEE'S HAPPY — Dee Dee Myers is happy now that she no longer

is in the hot seat as press secretary to President Clinton.

That's what she claimed anyway in a recent speech at the University of Nevada.

"The press never hesitates to pontificate about what's wrong in Washington. Now that I'm on the outside, I can pontificate about what's wrong with the press," she said.

"And I'll tell you, I'm having a great time."

Then she ticked off the principles she said she believes motivate the media:

"No. 1: Be first rather than right.

No. 2: Never let the facts stand in the way of a good story. No. 3: When in doubt, analyze, and No. 4: Good news is no news, so create conflict."

While there may be a kernel of insight in what Ms. Myers says, it's also apparent that with the attitude she reflects — if she's really serious — she's better off out of the White House and so is Mr. Clinton.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

(This is another column which appeared in the *Houghton Lake Resorter* after being talked into writing by Tom Hamp, after I had retired from the *Avalanche*.)

Somewhere in time...

We are still in the 1920s, following our trials with rabies and living in the hope of survival. We remember laying on the floor with a Sears catalog, just wishing I could get a pair of high-top boots with a jack knife in the pocket for Christmas.

In those days we grew up on U.S. 27 (now called Otsego Ave.) coming into Gaylord from the south.

During the winter I remember taking our sleigh and hooked it onto the runners and riding the log-sleighs to the mill just south of town and catching a ride on the return.

Where we lived the snow banks were so high you couldn't see the houses across the street, this was because the primitive plows had to keep U.S. 27 open for the sleighs to bring the logs to the mill, unlike Grayling and Crawford County, which had relied at least 90 percent of their livelihood on the timber they harvested with the convenience of the AuSable and Manistee to float the logs to the mills.

Gaylord and Otsego County did not depend on their survival on timber as did Crawford County.

Otsego County had fertile ground for farmers to harvest their crops, mostly potatoes were grown in the Johannesburg and Elmira areas plus some in the Vanderbilt area.

While we were growing up, there were five warehouses along the railroad tracks where the potatoes were kept until being shipped out.

While Crawford County was settled by people from the Scandinavian countries, which is evidence they were timber people, my grandparents and family settled here in 1890. My father (the youngest of eight) went to school in Grayling.

It wasn't too long that they moved to Johannesburg, which was a thriving town because of the lumber mills and

which was a part of R. Hanson's lumber domain.

Following their moving to Jo-Burg my father later went to college out in Iowa, (I'm presuming it was a Lutheran College), it was there he met my mother, who also had come to America from Denmark when she was 17.

My mother's family were farmers, they settled in Iowa, where the corn grows tall which they fed pigs for market.

My parents were married in Iowa and she left her family and came to Michigan. At the time, my mother

could hardly write English. She overcame that later when she would write to my brother and I when we were in the service, at times it was hard to decipher between her Danish and English.

Next time around we will take a look into more of life in Gaylord. Our problem is to bring you something of the past in northern Michigan and has been hampered because as a young one I lived in Gaylord, and since 1946, I have lived in Grayling, so to speak, I have roots in both.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

Social Security conducts test mailing of Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements

Don't be surprised if you find a statement from Social Security in your mailbox showing your earnings record and giving you estimates of the benefits for which you and your family might qualify, both now and in the future.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is sending Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements to approximately 600,000 randomly-selected persons between 25 and 64 who are not currently receiving Social Security benefits. This mailing began in early April and will continue into early June.

The purpose of the test mailing is to gauge the resources needed to manage future earnings and benefit estimate mailing workloads, and to obtain early public reaction to the statements.

Next year, Social Security will begin mailing annual earnings and benefit estimate statements to approximately 6.7 million people who are 60 or older and not receiving Social Security benefits based on their own earnings record. In each year from 1996 through 1999, Social Security will send statements to individuals as they reach age 60.

And beginning in the year 1999,

about 123 million people of all ages — the majority of the American workforce — will receive an earnings and benefit estimate statement from Social Security every year. The information contained on the statement can be of great value in financial planning. Workers can see the level of financial protection immediately available for themselves and their families should they die or become disabled and unable to continue working.

The statements also allow workers to make retirement plans based on a knowledge of what Social Security benefits they will receive and what additional income they will need to supplement those benefits.

Anyone can request a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement by calling Social Security's toll free number 1-800-772-1213. Call anytime. This service is available 24 hours a day.

It's also a good idea for workers to check their earnings information at least once every three years to verify that what has been reported for their record is correct.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter

As for me, give me liberty or give me death!

Patrick Henry

The specter of uncontrolled forest fire has plagued Michigan since prehistoric times, evident in the charred remains of ancient trees in the thumb, in glacial deposits and the peat bogs of lower Michigan. Fire scars on old trees are further indications of periodic fires since forests were re-established following the retreat of the glaciers. Increment samples from several of the virgin pines in the park tell us a fire burned through the area in 1844 or 1845. Records left by early explorers speak of forest fires, as do the old newspapers and letters of pioneer settlers. As early as 1862, Alpena was destroyed by fire and, as if once was not enough, it happened again in 1863, 1867 and 1869.

Those dry years were the prelude to 1871, which was the driest on record, with little rain during the early summer and none from July on. Between Oct.

10 and Oct. 12, fire swept from Manistee and Holland on the Lake Michigan shore to Port Huron on the Lake Huron shore.

Ten years later in 1881, at the end of another severe drought, a fire commonly known as the Thumb Fire swept through Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Genesee, Montcalm and Saginaw counties, destroying property and over 1,000 lives.

In 1894, hardly a county in the state escaped being scorched by fires, but they were especially bad in the vicinity of Ishpeming, Iron Mountain, Norway, Sagola and Ewen. Like most big fires of the period they burned until the heavy fall rains extinguished them. In 1896, the town of Ontonagon was wiped out, while at the same time, another fire burning in the vicinity of Big Bay consumed 100 square miles. In 1908, the town of Metz in Presque

Isle County was destroyed along with 29 lives, most of whom died when the relief train they were riding was consumed by the intense heat. In that year Michigan lost 2,369,067 acres. On July 11, 1911, fire destroyed the towns of Oscoda and AuSable, along with a score of lives. "Remember Metz and AuSable," became a fire-prevention slogan to keep public interest alive and secure support for more adequate protection efforts.

This series of articles has been dedicated to all those I have worked with on and above the fire line. Hugh Nolan, Fred Richardson, Stan Ryan, Bruce McGregor, Cliff Musson, Lyle Howe, Duane Baumer, Wayne Pitts, Bob Brubaker, Bill Mead, Frank Barber, Bob Howard, Duane Brooks, Jim Messler, Rob Bartlett and all those many others who have and will put their lives and faith on a swath of bare ground called a fire line.

Sheriff department to upgrade sidearms

**By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer**
The type of firearm you carry as a law enforcement officer can save your life. The Crawford County Sheriff's Department will update their firearms in the near future.

Currently deputies carry revolvers some of which are close to 20 years old. Approval for the sale of the 42 old weapons and the purchase of 25 new weapons occurred at the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 21.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 25 .40-caliber semiautomatic pistols, ammunition, leather, and practice ammunition. The cost will be approximately \$17,900. The purchase will provide new weapons for the road patrol and the corrections officers.

"We're just outgunned," said Sheriff David Lovely. "Everybody has automatics."

The current revolvers used by the sheriff department are going on their twentieth year of use, said Lovely. The department shoots thousands of rounds through them every year in target practicing and qualifying.

Sheriff Lovely said the local gunsmith who repairs the revolvers has been doing major repairs on them and worries about malfunction.

Once the department purchases the weapons, it will take a three-day transition period to train all of the deputies, although some are already trained.

Detective Richard Meyer said the decision to purchase the .40-caliber pistols came after three months of testing and evaluation by the department. Studies of ballistics, performance percentages and the force delivered on impact were just some of the

factors used to determine the best weapon.

When shooting the gun, the idea is to get whoever you shoot to stop whatever they are doing, said Meyer. "It has to be enough of a trauma to shock their system, which will make them stop their actions."

An FBI study looked at the different calibers and their ability to shock systems on the first hit, said Meyer. The study found the 9mm pistol didn't deliver a sufficient shock to the system to stop a suspect. The small projectile at a high speed didn't immediately disable them, said Meyer.

"It meant a lot of officers and victims were being shot," said Meyer. The .40-caliber causes enough shock to their systems that it stops their actions, which is what they are after, said Meyer.

"We hope to God we never have to use them," said Meyer.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: A friend is: A push when you're stopped, a word when you're lonely, a guide when you're searching, a smile when you're sad, and a song when you're glad.

There is still time to make a reservation for our special Easter dinner and Dance with Tina on Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m. (We are having it early, so we could leave Holy Week free). Call 348-7123.

Remember the "Big Picture" on Monday at The Lion King, the movie that all your grandchildren are talking about.

April 17-The Housesitter with Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin.

April 24-Guarding Tess with Shirley MacLaine and Nicholas Cage.

Mark your calendars and come on in!

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and you don't have to do the dishes. Any senior, or spouse, in Crawford County, that is 60 or older is welcome, and bring your friends and family. The suggested donation is \$1.50 for seniors and a \$2.50 charge for those under 60.

Please take note! Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins — but for the most part, try and call ahead. Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and at noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

Lunch/Dinner:
April 5-Pork Steak/Baked Chicken;
April 6-BBQ Beef/Baked Ham;
April 7-Brown Steak;
April 10-Chicken Kiev/Spaghetti & Meatballs;
April 11-Over Perch/Wiener Schnitzel;
April 12-Swiss Steak/Chicken Pot

Card of thanks
Thank you, thank you, doctors, nurses, family, Father, all friends, for prayers, cards, flowers, plants, gifts and visits, during my stay in Mercy Hospital. Also, thank you for all the visits, care and foods at home. God bless all. Thank you, Irv.

Love,
Eleanor McIsaac

Pie;
April 13-Meatloaf/Beef Stew;
April 14-Chicken Stir Fry.

Coming Events
April 5-BK Bingo Birthday party at 5:30 p.m.
April 6-BP's 11 a.m. to 12 noon and Special Easter Dinner and Dance with Tina. Suggested donation \$1.75 for seniors and \$2.75 for juniors. Get your reservations in early.
April 10-5:30 p.m., movie, The Lion King.
April 11-5:30 p.m., fun and games.
April 12-5:30 p.m., Pokemo.
April 13-5:30 p.m., Mystery.
April 14-Frederic Satellite, at 11:30 p.m. at the Frederic Hobby Club, Happy Easter to one and all from all of us at the senior center.

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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: As a mother with several curious children under the age of five, what can I do to protect them from accidental poisoning?

Answer: National Poison Prevention Week was March 19-25. This observance was designed to alert the general public to the problems of accidental poisoning.

Each year around 40 children under the age of six, die from accidental poisoning. These poisonings usually occur in the home during the hours when children are awake and active. Poison Control Centers receive nearly two million calls each year.

Increasing awareness of how these poisonings happen and what steps

to take when they do, can drastically reduce the number of deaths which occur each year. For example, in 1961 there were 450 poisoning deaths, a much greater number than what occurs today.

The following tips may help prevent a poisoning in your home:

- Use child-resistant packaging and proper storage of harmful substances. Be sure caps are on tightly.
- Store poisonous products, even with child-resistant packaging, out of sight and out of reach and preferably locked.
- Use child-resistant latches on cupboards and drawers containing medicines and harmful products.
- Constantly supervise young children especially in other houses where harmful substances may be in reach.
- Keep medicines in original containers. Clean out medicines periodically and discard. Don't leave medicines in a glass or cup.
- Don't keep toxic products in the same cupboard with food.
- When taking or giving medicines, follow a safe procedure. Read the label and follow instructions. Don't

administer or take medicines in the dark or while half asleep. Never tell children that medicine is candy. Remember that vitamins/vitamin supplements are not food and should be safely stored. Even a few iron pills can kill a child.

- Keep in mind that many things in your garage can be swallowed and cause terrible poisoning. Everyday substances such as paint thinner, antifreeze and charcoal lighter can cause death.
- Keep ipecac syrup on hand but do not use it unless advised to do so by a poison-control center or Emergency Room physician. When calling for help, know the child's age and weight, circumstances of the poisoning, the poison container, if the child has vomited, if first aid has been administered and if the child has any special health problems.

The health department can send you a poison look-out checklist to evaluate your home and its poison prevention rating. Call the health department office in your county and leave your request along with your name and address.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

On Wednesday, April 5, Michigan poet Jack Ridl will be giving a reading from his work at Kirtland Community College's Continuing Education Center (the former Kirtland House) on College Drive, neighboring Kirtland's campus. The reading is at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public; a reception and book signing will follow. Before the reading, at 4 p.m., Ridl will be doing an informal question and answer session in room 16 in Kirtland's academic building. That session is also open to the public.

This reading also celebrates the publication of Kirtland's new literary magazine, *Controlled Burn* in which one of Ridl's new poems appears. The magazine also includes work by several of the other writers who have appeared at Kirtland as well as other nationally renowned writers.

For more information about the reading series or the magazine, contact Gerry LaFemina at (517) 275-5121, extension 376.

Have you ever wondered what it is like to live and work on a Great Lakes ore freighter, or to ride out a November storm on Lake Superior? If the rich historical background of shipping on the Great Lakes has always intrigued you, then KCC has a course for you!

"Freighters, Sailors and

Shipwrecks" will be offered on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This 6-hour, non-credit course will be held at 123 Lake Street in Prudenville. It will provide a historical overview of the Great Lakes shipping industry and the evolution of the bulk freighters that ply the lakes. A number of tragic Great Lakes shipwrecks will also be studied.

Cost for the seminar is \$32 per person, which includes lunch.

For further information or to register for any of the above courses, contact Kirtland's Community Services Office at (517) 275-5121, extension 210.

The third Annual Heirloom Quilt

Raffle is sponsored by the Kirtland Ms. Club to provide limited financial assistance to Kirtland students. The drawing will be April 29, at 9 p.m., during intermission of the Performing Artist Series event, The Lettermen.

First prize is the "Log Cabin Star" quilt, second prize is pottery from Kirtland's Art Department, and third prize is a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Tickets are available before each of Kirtland's cultural events and from individual members of the Ms. Club for a \$1 donation. Ticket holders need not be present to win. For more information, call (517) 275-5121, extension 251.



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THURS. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GREATER GRAYLING SNOWMOBILE Association meeting @ Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. <p>For information call Linda @ 275-9918.</p>
FRI. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BEAT THE RUSH & visit Hartwick Pines State Park - Explore the Visitors Center and walk the nature trails!
SAT. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •"RIDERS IN THE SKY" perform @ Kirtland Community College, 7 pm, call (517) 275-5121 ext. 225.
SUN. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •PALM SUNDAY. •NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.
MON. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. For more information call Betty @ 348-8562. •KIWANIS LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12:10 pm. •GRAYLING REGIONAL COMPUTER CLUB meeting @ seniors rec. room, 7 pm. For more information call Bud @ 348-2548.
TUES. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NEW BEGINNINGS STOMACH STAPLING Support Group @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 7 pm. •GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT Association breakfast meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. •RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •SCHOOL RESUMES. •SB/BB VS. LAKE CITY, away, 4:30 pm. •JV SB/BB VS. LAKE CITY, away, 4 pm.
WED. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, weigh-in at 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING @ Hartwick Pines State Park, 4:30 - 6 pm.

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CMU names local graduates

Three Grayling residents were among 2,500 students who were Central Michigan University graduates in December, 1994. William Couchman received a bachelor of science degree, Jennifer L. Smith received a bachelor of science degree, and Lisa M. Watson received a bachelor of applied arts degree.




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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Wayne and Beverly Stockton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Tony Wayne Stockton of Flint. Tony is the son of David and Wanda Dicaire of Mt. Morris. A June 24 wedding is planned.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Gene and Marianne Yacucci of Youngstown, OH, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Maria, to Patrick Richard Weiler, son of Philip and Deanna Weiler of Roscommon. Gina is a graduate of Youngstown State University and manager of 1120 Plus in Sterling Heights. Patrick is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is district manager of Northern Getaway in Sterling Heights. A May 6 wedding is planned.

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

First, I would like to explain to my readers that I do not control the printing of this column. Due to space in the paper, it is sometimes held over until the next week.

Mrs. Judy Hammond of Frederic spent two weeks in Savannah, GA, with her daughter and family helping to care for the new baby and toddler, Kenton, 22 months old. Katie Lynn Rickard was born on Feb. 18, 1995, to Greg and Pamela Rickard. She was born at the Birthing Center in Savannah and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Grandparents are Pastor Dale and Judy Hammond of Frederic.

Tim and Gail Swope and their two

sons, Matthew and Ryan, spent two weeks in Orlando, FL. They enjoyed Disneyworld, Epcot Center and other sightseeing, and the warm weather. For their anniversary the family attended a dinner theater at the Arabian Nights.

Marcia Koppa has returned to Grayling from Owosso where she spent several months after returning from Riga, Latvia. She and Wayne have purchased a home on Trillium Terrace and she is busy moving in and getting settled. Wayne will be joining her as soon as his assignment in Latvia is completed. Welcome back.

We've been told that our friend across the river, John Cammin, met with an accident and is in a body cast. For his friends to send him a card, here is his address, 4950 Broadway, Saginaw, MI 48603. Get well, John.

DISTRICT COURT

Michelle Bossert, 28, of Grayling, pled no contest to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$160, restitution paid. She was cited Sept. 7, 1994, by the City Police Dept.

Thomas Charles Bentley, 51, of Marcellona, pled guilty to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$160 or 14 days, restitution paid. He was cited Aug. 26, 1991, by the Sheriff Dept.

Dennis Ray Bennett, 36, of Roscommon, pled guilty to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$75, restitution paid. He was cited Feb. 17 and 18, 1994.

Robbie J. Kirtley, 33, of Mt. Morris, pled guilty to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$100, restitution paid. He was cited Nov. 25 and 26, 1994.

Theresa Nadine Kohler, 36, of Frederic, pled guilty to a charge of Possession of Marijuana, and was fined \$340, \$150 lab fee, and placed on 12 months probation. She was cited Aug. 23, 1994, by the State Police Dept. On motion of prosecuting attorney, original charge of Delivery of Marijuana was dismissed upon above plea.

Warren Lee Reniff, 42, of Grayling, pled guilty to Reckless Driving and

Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$150. He was cited Dec. 7, 1994, by the Sheriff Dept.

Gregory Ernest Lawe, 33, of Frederic, pled guilty to a charge of Drive Revoked, and was fined \$340. He was cited Jan. 20, 1995, by the State Police Dept.

Tracy Lynn Gorski, 24, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited Jan. 28, 1995, by the Sheriff Dept.

Warren Grant Galvani, 33, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended nine months. He was cited Feb. 1, 1995, by the State Police Dept.

Lynn Kurt Starr, 41, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited Oct. 4, 1994, by the Sheriff Dept.

Suzanne Marie Waycaster, 34, of Frederic, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited Dec. 20, 1994, by the Sheriff Dept.

Leon Sexton Mynes, 20, demanded a preliminary exam to two counts of Prisoner In Possession of Contraband. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Hospice training program begins April 10

The new Amicare Hospice Services is offering an in-depth hospice volunteer training program which will begin on April 10 at the Amicare office in Grayling. Amicare's service area includes Grayling, Roscommon, Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake and the Mio/Fairview area.

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Amicare's Jan Bersted receives ABWA award

Each year the Grayling Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), accepts nominations for "Boss of the Year." This year Jan Bersted, director of Grayling Mercy Amicare Home Healthcare, was selected to receive the award. Bersted was nominated by several fellow employees who submitted the following testimonial:

"Jan is a caring, compassionate person. She demands high standards from those employed at Amicare and supports the staff in achieving those standards. She allows employees to grow with or without help, and encourages us to reach for our goals."

Bersted graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University, obtaining a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She came to Amicare with several years of nursing experience.

She was instrumental in the subsequent growth of the Grayling branch of Amicare, serving as director since 1990.

Today, Bersted is not only director of Grayling's Mercy Amicare Home Healthcare, but also serves as director of Amicare's recently established hospice services agency. In addition, she serves on numerous committees within the local community healthcare system.

When asked how she copes with so many responsibilities she replied, "Fortunately, the professionalism and competence of Amicare's staff makes it much easier on a daily basis."

Under Bersted's leadership, Amicare has achieved a reputation for excellence in community service. She is a driving force in maintaining the Mercy value system and commitment to continuous quality.



ABWA BOSS/ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR--Jan Bersted (C) accepts her award from ABWA President Sandy Moore (L) and vice-president Kathy Hilbrecht.

Gypsy moths — out of sight, out of mind — don't be fooled!

Now that spring is beginning to look like it's going to stick around, it's time for property owners to start thinking and doing those spring things. One of the things people who own property with trees need to be thinking about is the gypsy moth. Most people can remember the devastation created by the bug a few years ago, but because there was a population crash in 1993, many people have forgotten about the little critter, out of sight — out of mind.

Though not prevalent, the gypsy moth is still very much a resident of Crawford County, and it is possible that there could be another outbreak in the future. Because some measures of biological control have been introduced into Crawford County, the chances are that another widespread defoliation will not happen. There could however, be pockets where the gypsy moth population will suddenly increase and cause some localized problems. Trap catches of male moths conducted last summer were higher than expected.

Due to the low population of moths last summer, Crawford County will not qualify for the Department of Agriculture Cost Share Gypsy Moth

Control Program. This means that residents of areas that have been sprayed in the past will not be receiving an invoice for that service this spring.

This does not mean that there cannot be some means of gypsy moth control. Residents will simply have to take on the responsibility of gypsy moth control. Crawford County residents who have tracts of land of 20 acres or more can sign up with the county coordinator to have their property sprayed. Residents of subdivisions who are interested in having their area sprayed will need to coordinate the effort among the residents of the subdivision. Assistance in doing this can be obtained by contacting the county coordinator. For more information about gypsy moth control, contact the county coordinator at 348-5187, during normal office hours.

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ABWA WOMAN OF THE YEAR--Mickey Perez (L) accepts her award from ABWA President Sandy Moore.

Perez named ABWA Woman of the Year

The Grayling Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) recognized one of its own at the annual "Boss/Business Associate" night on Wednesday, March 22.

This year's selection for "Woman of the Year" was Mickey Perez, CPA an 18-year member of ABWA.

Perez has been actively involved in the community for many years. She has served as a member of the Crawford AuSable School Board and the Mercy Hospital Board. In addition, she is active in the Grayling Sportsman's Club, the American Red Cross, and has done the audit for Grayling Township.

Perez has been an active ABWA member. She has been president, vice president and treasurer. Her other ABWA activities include helping with rummage sales, fashion shows, float building, bulletins, sponsoring

Pictionary teams and working at rest stops. She also sponsored Paul Thomson as "Boss of the Year" in 1981, and has participated in national and regional conventions.

Perez's family is a big part of her life. She has three children: Maria, who is in Tucson, AZ, in the fashion business; Marguerita, attending school in Atlanta, GA; and Miguel, attending Grayling High School and hoping to become the next Jack Nicklaus. Husband, Ray, is with the Department of Natural Resources.

ABWA is very proud of Perez, and is proud to award her this honor for 1995.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Viking Jazz Band under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee. The audience gave them a warm welcome and were very impressed with the talent of these young musicians.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Again I would like to thank my readers for commenting on this column, and for the calls that I have had, but I still need more phone calls.

One thing that I did not realize is that possibly newcomers think there is a charge for news here. There is no charge for you for items in this column unless they are an advertisement for a specific business. This is just general news like many of the articles in the paper. The paper charges for ads and thank you letters and I believe that is about all. There is a big difference in big-city papers and small-town papers.

George and Rita McEvers spent a vacation in the south visiting friends and sightseeing. They were accompanied as far as Clarkston, TN by Jerry Korhonen who went down to visit an old friend, Pat Brown. The McEvers' went to Lillian, AL, for a couple of days with Lila and Bill Sellers

and went sightseeing in the Mobile area. They continued on to N. Ft. Myers to see Caroline and Roger Hall. They were joined there for lunch one day by Carl and Rose Hatfield, Lila and Bill Sellers, and Larry and Helen Pond. They visited the Henry Ford and Edison homes with Caroline and Roger and helped the Halls move into a recently-purchased new home. Continuing on to St. Petersburg they spent a couple of days visiting George's former army sergeant and wife, Ernie and Gerda Kyle, before heading home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry LaGrow of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson of East Tawas came over the weekend to take their mothers, Mrs. Wilma LaGrow and Mrs. Ruth Robertson out to dinner on Saturday night at the Holiday Inn and to the concert at the high school that evening. The occasion was to celebrate Ruth's

birthday. She won't let me tell you which one! Happy birthday, Ruth.

Eddie and Sylvia Robertson of Waleska, GA, spent a couple of days with his mother, Ruth Robertson, recently. Eddie teaches at a college in Georgia and was on a business trip to Central Michigan University.

Terry and Jennifer Hilton of Tucson, AZ, and Tom and Marian Hilton of Lansing, spent last week with their mother, Mrs. Bernice Hilton. The latter part of February, Bernice enjoyed having some of her grandchildren and families for a week when they came to ski at Skyline. Guests were grandson, Russel Hilton and wife, Mary, granddaughter, Patricia Kennedy and husband, Bob, and children, Erin and Robert. Tom and Marian Hilton also joined the family for four days.

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MILITARY NEWS

David L. Mansfield has been commissioned a second lieutenant after having graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science from McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, TN.

The academy's curriculum consisted of a 6-week, in-resident course in which students were instructed in five major areas of study: Professional development, communicative skills, leadership and management, defense studies and physical training.

Mansfield is the son of Richard L.

and Betty M. Mansfield of Grayling. He graduated in 1980 from Grayling High School, and in 1994 from Davenport College, Kalamazoo.

Jonathan M. DeVries has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

DeVries, a vehicle operator, is the son of Angelia and Karl DeVries of Grayling.

His wife, Aimee, is the daughter of Jerene Voight of Grayling.

The airman is a 1992 graduate of Grayling High School.

Women's Aglow to meet April 11

All women are welcome to attend the Aglow meeting at Shoppenagon's on April 11 at 7 p.m. Women's Aglow Fellowship is an interdenominational, international organization whose purpose is to lead women to Jesus Christ and help Christian women grow in their faith and minister to others. This will be a special time. Bring a friend and join us.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Whitey and Shirley Somers are happy to be home after four months in Benson, AZ.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

P.A.S.

Post-abortion Syndrome (PAS) is a depressing deadly, destructive deception the abortionist strives to hide from potential victims. Michelle Julien discovered by experience the horror of this illness, and is today helping other women to new healing in Jesus Christ. She has discovered and exposed four lies perpetuated by the abortion industry. 1. It won't hurt. (They tell nothing of the eternal trauma many women face after an abortion.) 2. You can forget about it. (Some women become mentally obsessed with their aborted child and the abortion haunts them.) 3. You can just go on with your life. (The abortion ordeal can effect one's self-image and their daily decision-making process.) 4. It is better for you to keep it to yourself. (This is a hindrance to the healing process.)

Mischelle enrolled in a 10-week Christian program for recovery from P.A.S. The 5-point outline of the program included: 1. Make the

abortion a reality. (Become involved in a healthy discussion of what happened.) 2. Admit the sin. (Regardless of the circumstances, assume personal responsibility for the sin and repent of it before the healing can begin.) 3. Forgive. (Forgive all others involved, and forgive yourself.) 4. Give the child reality. (Calculate a birth date, realize the probable physical and personality traits, and give the baby a name.) 5. Give the baby to God. (Recognize God is today caring for the baby, and God can unite you together again in Jesus Christ for eternity.)

Like the evil of slavery which nearly destroyed our nation, abortion is divisive and still taking a deadly toll upon the lives of millions of Americans. The nomination of Dr. Henry Foster to be surgeon general has elevated the underlying stigma identified with abortion. Both the ambiguity about the number of abortions Dr. Foster had performed, and also his sterilization of four healthy but mentally retarded women, have raised new concerns. Young doctors

are shying away from doing abortions now because of the moral stigma it may place upon their careers.

Even liberal politicians are now calling for fewer abortions thereby admitting a moral question at the heart of the controversy. With two million couples waiting to provide loving families to infants of any race, one wonders why abortion continues to be the choice of pregnant women who reject their own children? As America has outgrown the primitive evils of infanticide and slavery, surely abortion will follow. As auto safety often appeals to "a baby on board," God help us adopt the same attitude toward a baby in the womb. "Thou shalt not kill." (EXO 20:13). "Cursed [be] he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen." (DEU 27:25).

Pastor "B"

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On Death and Dandelions...

On one bright and sunny day,
I passed a field of dandelions on my way.
Nodding their golden heads at me,
They suckled a hungry honeybee,
And reflected the light of the heavens.

A short time passed, then came a day,
When in walking along that very same way,
I saw petals no longer perky and golden,
Stems becoming limp and old, and
It seemed their lives were at an end.

Their golden heads were cottony white.
It appeared to be a saddening sight.
Until I stood and thought some more,
Understanding what I had not before;
Even in nature, God has a plan.

Those fragile seedlings floating from
withered old stems
Would again transform into golden gems
In another place, in another spring;
And as God's children we shall, too, take
wing
To that golden field where death shall be
no more.

This Easter, visit God's house. Discover the Creator's plan for the resurrection of your spirit and the immortality of your soul.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 43:14-21	Jeremiah 32:36-44	Jeremiah 33:1-13	Jeremiah 33:14-26	Lamentations 3:1-24	Psalms 23	Psalms 27

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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
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Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
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Church - 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

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Sunday Ser. & Sunday School, 11 a.m.
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Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
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Preaching 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

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M-72 West
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

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Kirtland Community College faculty member publishes article on the Civil War

The *Indiana Magazine of History* has just published Maggie Tatum's "Please Send Stamps: The Civil War Letters of William Allen Clark." Tatum is an adjunct faculty member at Kirtland Community College (KCC) where she teaches composition and literature. Clark served in the Northern Army because he believed that the states should stay united; not because he opposed slavery.

According to Pete Ciucci, KCC history professor, "these letters are particularly interesting because they

give the viewpoint of a northern soldier who generally opposed President Lincoln's policies." Because soldiers' letters were censored, few soldiers would have had the courage to put such opinions in writing.

Written on the battlefield and in leaky tents with handmade quill pens, Clark's granddaughter had preserved the letters in an old shoe box which the family discovered after her death in 1974. Tatum, a Clark family friend and graduate from Kent State University, took on the job of editing

the letters. Richard Silverman, KCC dean of instruction, explained that Tatum "has made a significant scholarly contribution" to the study of American history.

Because she did her graduate work in English literature, Tatum surprised many of her colleagues when she published these letters. Steven L. Berg commented that "It is a delight to work with such a talented individual who understands both English and American history. Her students are very fortunate."

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Roger Pahssen and Tina Doe of Grayling: Dillon Lee, March 24, 1995, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Ron Thomson and Lisa Thomson of Grayling: Alexander Paul, March 25, 1995, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Claude and Torna Myers of Houghton Lake: Claudia Marie, March 21, 1995, 8 pounds.

Facts about IRS tax audits

If your pulse races at the thought of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax audit, you aren't alone. Every year, more than a million taxpayers react to letters from the IRS with fear and trepidation. According to the Michigan Association of CPAs (MACPA), if you understand the audit process and your rights as a taxpayer, an audit does not have to be an unnerving and costly experience.

The IRS usually will notify you by mail if your tax return is selected to be audited. There are three types of audits: Correspondence, office and field audits.

The correspondence audit is conducted through the mail and is typically the simplest of inquiry to endure. With this type of audit, the IRS generally asks you to send them documents supporting or verifying certain items on your return. If a professional preparer completed your tax return, you should contact this person immediately and request that he or she respond to the IRS. In any case, be sure either you or the preparer responds by the IRS's deadline.

The office audit, the most common type of audit, is held at the IRS's office with a tax auditor. The IRS will ask you to meet with its representative at a specific time and place. If the appointment is inconvenient, you have the right to reschedule at a time that is mutually convenient for you and the IRS. In the audit notification letter, the IRS will specify the areas in question and ask you to present supporting documentation.

The more formidable field audit usually is reserved for a wealthy taxpayer with a complex return that shows business or professional income. If you're selected for a field audit, the IRS will send a tax auditor to meet with you at your place of business or your home. Again, you have the

right to reschedule the audit at a mutually convenient time that does not interfere with the normal operations of your business. The field audit involves an extensive examination of your entire return and the supporting documentation.

You do not have to attend an audit by yourself. In fact, you don't have to meet with the IRS at all, unless an administrative summons requesting your presence is issued. Instead, you can choose to have a CPA, or another tax professional qualified to practice before the IRS, represent you. When determining whether you should meet with the IRS without a tax preparer, consider what kinds of deductions are being scrutinized and how much is at stake. Also determine how comfortable you feel defending yourself. If you think your nerves might get the best of you, send a qualified representative who can present your case more professionally.

Carefully collect and organize the documents pertaining to the items in question. To limit your exposure, bring only those records that are needed to support the items being examined. Although office audits generally don't go beyond the items indicated on the audit notification letter, the IRS isn't precluded from looking into other areas on your return. If the IRS decides to delve into new areas, the agent will most likely schedule another meeting so you can provide additional information. This will give you time to prepare. Also keep in mind that, during the audit process, you may be able to claim additional deductions not previously claimed on your return.

Be sure you are on time for your office audit. Be pleasant, but don't let your guard down. Listen carefully to the auditor's questions, and consider your answer before making it. Skilled IRS auditors can ask probing questions in the hope of identifying other problem areas on your tax return. When responding to the auditor's questions, do not elaborate or offer unnecessary explanations. Finally, be sure to provide requested documents in an organized and businesslike manner. Sloppy records give the IRS the impression that errors may have been made on your tax return.

Surplus food to be distributed April 11

The Surplus Food Assistance Program pick-up point in Grayling is the Eagles Hall on East M-72. Commodities will be distributed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3736 and Auxiliary on April 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many people in Crawford County are eligible for the Food Assistance Program but are unaware of their status. If you receive food stamps, AFDC, SSI,

Medicaid or GA, you are eligible for this program. Anyone who feels that they should be in this program, bring proof of your gross income or your card from the above listed programs and a representative will check to see if you are eligible.

For more information on the distribution, eligibility or the program contact Lou Ann Crosby, 348-8186. Please do not call the Eagles.

Foundation awards grants for tobacco/alcohol prevention

Two grants have been awarded by Total Health and Education (T.H.E.) Foundation to organizations in this area. Team-Up and Listen Community Crusade Against Drugs each will receive a \$500 award intended for tobacco/alcohol prevention programs targeting young people in northern Michigan, especially those residing in Wexford, Missaukee, Crawford and Kalamazoo counties. Smoking cigarettes is considered to be the number one preventable cause of heart disease. In addition, prolonged heavy consumption of alcohol can lead to cardiovascular problems. For these reasons, programs that help prevent the initial use of these products by children and teens can have a significant impact on reducing cardiovascular diseases.

The Total Health and Education Foundation is continuing to award mini-grants to area agencies planning projects to help reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease in northern Michigan. Proposals of one to two pages, including a simple budget, may be sent to T.H.E. Foundation, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601. Up

to seven grants of \$500 will be awarded to those projects judged worthy of funding.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Frank (Mary Elizabeth Boone) announce the birth of their son, Ryan William Frank. Ryan was born Jan. 4, 1995. He weighed six pounds, seven ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are William and Carolyn Boone of Hillside Farm, Grayling. His maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Coye Taylor of Grayling.

Ryan's paternal grandparents are William and Kay Frank of Roscommon. His paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Auman of Roscommon. His paternal great-great grandparents are Frank and Mintie Auman of Berkley.

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Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

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The Small Arms Ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalamazoo County. Firing will begin on April 7 and cease on April 9.

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NEWS SCHOOL

TRAVELING TO TEXAS -- Dan Mahoney, 4th grade, left for his Christmas vacation early last December, which meant he missed some school. Mr. Hayes, Dan's teacher, asked him to do some extra homework -- a record of the climate changes, terrain, and the states he went through. Dan and his family went to Texas to visit his maternal grandparents.

"We went to the Mississippi River and it took us 23 hours to get there," said Dan. After Christmas break, Dan shared his report with his class, showing them his route on the map.

BRAZIL BOUND -- Grayling High School junior Brooke Blaauw (L), daughter of Jed and Mary Kay Blaauw of Grayling, accepts a check from Jane Larson on behalf of the Grayling Lions and Lioness Club. The money will help defray Brooke's expenses this summer as she travels to Brazil through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL

1995 spelling bee at G.M.S.

Kelly Wilson
7th grade, Peggy Alexander's English class

Brandy Peterson
Rachel Isenhauer
Peggy Alexander's class

Last week during Spirit Week at Grayling Middle School we had a new event called Name That Tune. It went over very well. The tunes were from all different kinds of music, played two to three seconds each, in two to three separate intervals.

On behalf of the students and staff of G.M.S., we'd really like to thank Larry Roberts of WGRY/Decades 101 for the awesome tape he provided us. Also, thanks to Mr. Finch for thinking of the idea and letting us do it.

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HONORS LIST

A total of 1,015 students, including Nicole Barnes of Grayling, achieved placement on the winter quarter 1994-95 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

FEB MARCH READING MONTH - EAGLES' NEST

MARCH READING MONTH -- Frederic Elementary School just finished up March Reading Month. Each classroom was presented with a fledgling for their nest. Each book read during the month added a feather to help dress the birds. Class themes were selected and AuSable Woodworking in Frederic donated wood plaques for student reading buddies.

Students participate in problem-solving bowl

Two Grayling Middle School eighth graders, Amanda Febey and Crystal Herrmann were invited to participate in the 16th annual Michigan Future Problem-Solving State Bowl held in Ann Arbor on March 31, April 1 and 2. Febey and Herrmann, along with team members Martha Boesen and Kristin Ressler from Fairview Middle School and their coach James Haf competed at the University of Michigan with 140 teams from throughout Michigan. All four students are members of the COOR sponsored class, "Critical Thinking and Problem Solving" for academically talented eighth graders.

The state bowl was a culmination of a year-long program where students are taught to creatively seek, attack, and solve problems related to projections in the future. More than 14,000 Michigan students worked on three problems during the 1994-95 school years (cities, homelessness, and kids and violence) which were critiqued by trained evaluators. Based on the third problem, the top 30 percent of Michigan teams from each of the three grade divisions (four to six, seven to nine, and 10 to 12) were invited to participate in the state bowl. While teams knew the general topic of this year's bowl -- prejudice -- they did not know the specific nature of the problem to be solved until the bowl began.

Solutions were evaluated on clearly established criteria with the top four teams receiving trophies. State champions will also represent Michigan at the 1995 International Conference coming up on June 9-12 at Providence College in Providence, RI.

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Kelly Kiefer
Ravi Ramaswamy
Jamie Tobias

"B" Average or Above Honor Roll

Krista Alef
Mardella Argue
Daniel Bale
Jenny Bergum
Johnathan Britten
Kristina Cadcau
William Chase
Nicole Craigie
Colleen Dale
Crystal Daniels
James Davis
Robert Dent
Gordon Elsner
Christina Floriano
Katherine Fritz
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Amy Godlewski
Ira Grounds
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Kristy Irish
Shawnna Jaskiewicz
Victoria Jensen
Christina Kenney
Robert Lawe
Brian Legg
Krista Lemke
Cassandra Maples
Amy Martella
Jamie McGuire
Julie McMann
Jeremy Merithew
Samantha Millikin
Erin Mills
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Melissa Ostwald
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Regina Russell
Rodney Silk
Erin Smith
Karen Strachan
Nicole Strohpaal
Susan Sylvester
Sara Taylor
Katie Tinker
Ashley Wakeley

10th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Andrew Hunter
Andrea Knepper
Christy Kustra
Patrick Lamie
Julia McAnallen
Gretchen Ross
Nicole Schormack
Rence Shahan
Jessica St. Germain
"B" Average or Above Honor Roll

Kevin Annis
Jerry Balmes
Ann Becks
Jaymie Brannan
Kate Brunskill
Arica Burkett
Jeremy Colby
Joshua Colby
Heather Curtis
Edward Davis
Jed Davis
Martha Doby
Michelle Duncley
Edward Elsner
Grace Galvani
Jodie Gay
Meaghan Gosling
Jason Hall
Krystal Harris
Benjamin Haskel
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Onna Ingvarsson
Jennifer Jurkovich
Michael Knight
Jeremiah Kohnert
Amy LaChappelle
Brad Larm
Jennifer Lech
Leah Lingle
Tina Lobsinger
Jake Macklem
Michael Marelich
Cheryl McCurdy
Joseph Medeiros
John Moua
Morgan Neilson
Jeremy Nelson
Paul Niederer
Brandy Noteware
Caley Nowlin
Jennifer Ohsowski
Erin Patrick
Miguel Perez
Bethany Pettyjohn
Shilee Reed
Paul Reichelderfer
David Sabin

Deborah Schreiner

Jami Secord
Carly Sewell
Rebecca Shahan
Shandi Shepherd
Autumn Smith
Kelly Taylor
Isaac Tobin
Kristopher Urie
Mary Wakeley
Shannon Wakeley
Sarah Wood

11th grade

All "A" Honor Roll

"B" Average or Above Honor Roll

Sarah Amman
Sarah Amman
Miggon Andersen
Brooke Blaauw
Bridget Black
Sara Braley
Jaymie Corlew
Katherine Crowell
Kathy Galloway
Joseph Godlewski
Erica Hinkle
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Martin Kroell
Christopher Kucharek
Monica Lawrence
Jill Love
Joseph Moua
Corey Northrop
Jennifer Pahssen
Stacey Paulins
Andrew Perrin
Ronald Silk
Nicholas Szajner
Erin Welke

12th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Nathaniel Rosi

"A" & "B" Honor Roll

Ty Alma
Michael Amman

Chad Arnold
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Lowell Bindschattel
Beth Businger
Betsy Dean
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Nicole Parker
Travis Patrick
Nicole Pelton
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Matthew Riedner
Lynne Rochette
Jessica Roy
Samara Sabin
Nicole Sloan
Kathryn Smock
Nicholas Stancil
Tricia Straw
Jeffrey Taylor
Lee Taylor
Daniel VanNuck
Walter Waite
Robert Wakeley
Daniel Weaver
Carrie Wells
Nicole Wilcox
Sarah Woodland

MichCon Foundation awards mini-grant to local educator

The MichCon Foundation has awarded a \$245 mini-grant to Ms. Barbara Febey of Grayling High School. Foundation mini-grants enable educators to supplement a core curriculum with new and innovative approaches to learning. The grants are for projects that enhance the kindergarten through 12 classroom experience that generally are not in the traditional school budget. The \$245 mini-

grant has been given to support "Meaningful Math: Matrices."

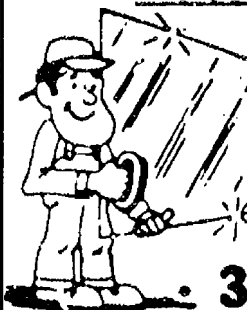
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April Meeting Calendar

5th	8:15 a.m.	Grayling Area Visitors Council, Holiday Inn.
	5:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee, Iron Gate.
7th	8 a.m.	Crawford County Industrial Development Fund, City Hall.
10th	4 p.m.	Chamber Executive Board Meeting, Old Kent Bank.
11th	8 a.m.	Grayling Uptown District Association, Stevens Family Circle.
	9 a.m.	Membership Committee, Chamber Office.
	2 p.m.	Grayling Area Visitors Council, Chief Shoppenagons.
	4 p.m.	GAVC-Chamber Joint Meeting, Chief Shoppenagons.
12th	5:15 p.m.	Miss Grayling Scheduling Meeting, Chamber Office.
19th	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Board, City Hall.
	noon	Community Foundation Exploration Meeting, Holiday Inn.
20th	5:30 p.m.	Business After Hours, Holiday Inn, co-sponsored by the Holiday Inn and Chemical Bank North.
24th	all day	State Representative Allen Lowe's Tourism Conference, Treetops Resort.
25th	8 a.m.	Grayling Uptown District Association, Steven's Family Circle.
	9 a.m.	Grayling Area Visitors Council Promotion Committee, Holiday Inn.
26th	8 a.m.	Festival Committee, Iron Gate.
	5:30 p.m.	Expo Committee, Holiday Inn.

What now Expo?

"Expo95" was a great-looking event. Exhibitors loved the Holiday Inn location. "What's Cooking in Crawford County" was sensational and drew a good crowd.

But the overall attendance was mediocre at best and the Expo Committee is now assessing how to retain the strong points of the show and refine the focus.

Our suggestions from committee members and exhibitors include making it a sale item show, cash or door prizes at specific times, change

to a Christmas show, find a product theme rather than such a general show, and make it a 1-day event.

We are surveying the exhibitors and looking for suggestions from the membership. If you have an idea or suggestion please contact the chamber office.

Our Expo goal, of course, is to bring people into the community and provide exhibitors profitable public contact, and we welcome any ideas you may have about products, services or seminars.

DNR face to face

At the invitation of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the chamber facilitated a get-acquainted breakfast March 2. Eleven district supervisors outlined their areas of responsibility to a representative group of elected officials and civic leaders.

Designed as an opportunity to "put faces with names," the

meeting initiated discussion on a number of issues, with follow-up contacts between several of the participants.

The chamber is looking forward to continuing these sessions, so that with a better understanding of the DNR programs of work, we can work cooperatively on areas of joint interest.

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G.A.V.C. in Grand Rapids

Volunteers from the Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) distributed some 2,500 maps, accommodations, brochures and visitor guides at the Grand Rapids Sport, Fishing and RV Show March 16th to the 19th.

This is the third year GAVC representatives have attended this show. With the continued enthusiastic response from this market area, plans are already made to be an exhibitor again in 1996.

The GAVC booth location was excellent, and the video of the canoe marathon got a lot of attention. The people who came by had many specific questions, such as: "How far is Grayling from here?" and "Where will I find mushrooms?"

A special thank you to the GAVC members who worked long hours, smiling and answering questions, giving a great first impression of Grayling to potential visitors.

Northeast Directions

Utilizing a grant from the Michigan Department of Commerce, the small business center of Alpena Community College is working with a non-profit business development group called Northeast Directions, designing a program to assist the service and education needs of small business in northeast lower Michigan. Crawford will be part of a 4-county group designated as Region 3 in the 15-county

service area.

A group of Crawford County business people helped outline elements the program should contain during a meeting March 6 at Kirtland Community College. The business needs presented ranged from help with business plans for loans, to teaching job applicants the value of appearance.

Contact the chamber if there are service or education programs that would be helpful to you. We will make sure your request is included for consideration in the assistance network which will be designed.

Public Hearing

With the help of the city and chamber offices, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) is working out details of a public hearing in Grayling, Sept. 12. The MPSC regulates electric, natural gas, telephone and some water utility companies and intrastate trucking.

Although it is designed for the immediate area, there may be participation from other areas of northern Michigan because of Grayling's easy access.

We will publish more information as the details are put in place.

Grayling Dollars

If looking for a good promotional item or gift, don't forget Grayling Dollars. They work like gift certificates. Buy them in any amount at the chamber office. The recipients spend them like cash at participating Grayling businesses, with the chamber retaining a 5-percent administrative fee. Grayling Dollars are good promotional tools, and the money is spent with chamber member businesses.



DEMONSTRATES A 'DO'—Mary Alef Neal of A Cut Above demonstrates a "do" during Expo '95.

Help finding help!

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If this could work for you, contact the Northeast Michigan Consortium office at 2405 South Grayling Road, in Grayling, or call 348-8709. They have information on this and other job-training programs designed for Crawford County.

Big parade planned for AuSable River Festival

With the addition of 25 units from the Shriner's Convention, this year's festival parade could be three hours long, according to Tina Hamilton.

All events surrounding the Canoe Marathon promise to be even better this year. Our award-winning jazz band will perform at a fund-raising concert in the Pavilion on Friday evening, July 28. The arts and crafts show is expanding across the river. River House will operate the food concession in the pavilion. Mercy's Fun Run and 10K are ready to go, the Crawford County Fair will again coincide with the festival and race dates, and the downtown

car show and street dance will round out an exciting weekend, highlighted by what promises to be the most exciting Marathon yet.

There are still openings for food concessions from local nonprofit organizations. Civic clubs and groups interested should contact Steve Stevens at Stevens Family Circle.

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Michelle Bird

Arlene Williams

Arlene B. Williams, 85, of Grayling, died Sunday, April 2, 1995, at Mercy Manor, Grayling. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial will be in North Star Cemetery in North Star.

Mrs. Williams was born August 23, 1909, in Elyria, OH. She had been a resident of Grayling for 30 years, previously living in Dearborn and Lansing. On June 26, 1943, she was married to Everton Williams, in Jackson. Mrs. Williams had worked as a bookkeeper for the State of Michigan, for 26 years: For the Department of Treasury Land Board in Lansing, and the last 12 years for the Secretary of State in the Detroit area. She had attended Lansing Business College.

Mrs. Williams was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Mary Martha Circle; the Grayling Women's Club; and was past president of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her husband, Everton, on Nov. 22, 1977; and by her parents, Clyde and Corlin (Frise) Turner.

Survivors include: Nieces, Donna Lyons of Williamsport, IN, and Louise Meier of Phoenix, AZ; nephew, Beecher Hoxworth of Fife Lake.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Mercy Hospital Auxiliary or to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Bertha Restainer

Bertha A. Restainer, 85, of Grayling, died Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at Hilltop Manor in Roscommon. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at the South Lansing Church of Christ, 4002 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, with Reverend Palmer officiating. Burial of ashes will be at 2:30 p.m., at Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

Mrs. Restainer was born June 14, 1909, in Lansing. She had been a resident of Grayling since July, 1994, previously living in Lansing. She was a secretary-typist for the State of Michigan, where she was employed for 27 years. She was a member of South Lansing Church of Christ, and was one of the founders of New Churches of Christ Evangelism.

Mrs. Restainer was preceded in death by her husband, William Restainer, and parents, William and Carolyn (Kroll) Dier.

Survivors include: Sons, Eugene Restainer of Grayling, Larry Restainer of Georgetown, KY, and Clayton Restainer of Pinconning; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the South Lansing Church of Christ. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Ronald Lademan

Ronald A. Lademan, 41, of Grayling, died Monday, March 27, 1995, at his residence. A graveside service was held Friday, March 31, at 11 a.m., at Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic, with Reverend Michael Conner officiating.

Mr. Lademan was born Jan. 15, 1954, in Detroit. He had lived in the Grayling and Frederic area for the past 14 years, moving here from Detroit. He was a retired machinist in the tool & die industry.

Mr. Lademan was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Frances (Hyland) Lademan.

Survivors include: daughters, Melissa Lademan and Jessica Lademan, both of St. Clair Shores; brother, Kenneth Lademan of Frederic; and sisters, Diane Kott of Midland, and Jeannette Radisevich of Sterling Heights.

Michelle Bird

Michelle Louise Bird, age 2, of Roscommon, died Sunday, March 19, 1995, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, a possible victim of crime.

Services were conducted at Harris Funeral Home in Garden City, and burial was in Glen Eden of Livonia.

Michelle was born Jan. 4, 1993, in Grayling, the daughter of Wendy Ann Bird of Roscommon.

Survivors include: Mother, Wendy Bird; grandparents, Richard and Barbara Mason of Roscommon; uncle, Mark Higgins of Westland; aunts,

Melinda and husband Glen Viazanko of Milford, Melisa and husband Gordon Day of Livonia, Marisa and husband James Williams of Detroit, and Mariana and husband Kirt Lee of Livonia.

A memorial service for little Michelle will be held Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon.

The family asks that no flowers be sent. Any monetary contributions can be sent to: Barb Mason, C/O N. Central Credit Union, P.O. Box 727, Roscommon, MI 48853.

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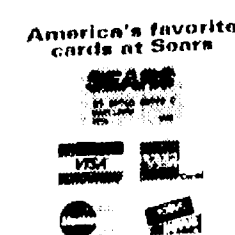
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Febey works with Habitat for Humanity

Grayling High School graduate Karen Febey participated with 19 other St. Olaf College students in working on a Habitat for Humanity project during her spring vacation. The students assisted in the renovation of a house in Colorado Springs, CO. This is the second year that Febey has been involved in a Habitat for Humanity project.

Febey, daughter of Richard and Barbara Febey of Grayling, is a junior at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, and is majoring in political science and Norwegian.

K of C Tootsie Roll sale April 7-8

Join the Knights of Columbus in their efforts to help the more than 300,000 mentally handicapped people in Michigan who need your help.

The Knights will be selling Tootsie Rolls at main intersections in Grayling and also will be in front of Kmart and Glen's Market on Friday and Saturday, April 7-8. Come out and support the Knights and this very worthy cause.

Rubber Stamps available at the AVALANCHE



WEYERHAEUSER GRANT ANNOUNCED — The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation granted \$4,000 to the Friends of the Hartwick Pines for the Phase II exhibit area. Phase II is the completion of the exhibit area of the Michigan Forest Visitors Center, which tells the history of the lumbering industry from the 1800s to present day. Pictured above (L to R) are Hartwick Pines Interpreter, Ann Stevens, Terri Gibbons, President of the Friends of the Hartwick Pines, Michelle Chase, Hartwick Pines employee; Phil Dennett, plant manager of Weyerhaeuser, Grayling; and Robert Bacon, Hartwick Pines park manager.

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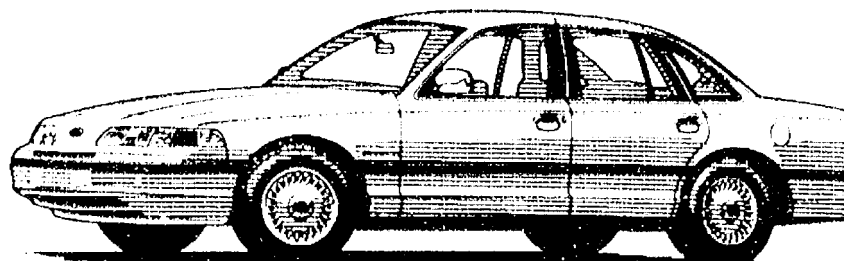
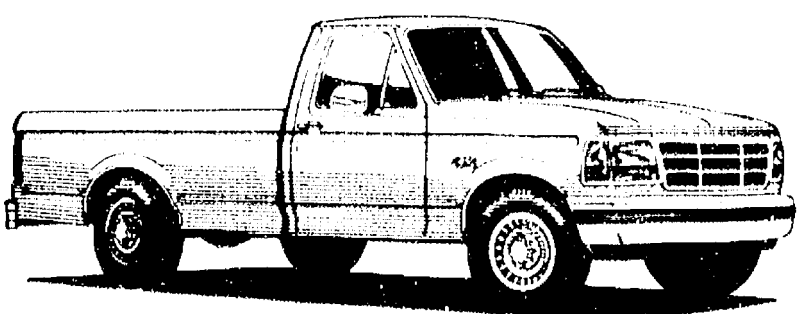


WEYERHAEUSER GRANTS \$3,000 TO LOVELLS TWP LIBRARY — The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation granted \$3,000 to the Lovells Township Library's building fund. Pictured above are (L) Katherine Gregg, Lovells Township librarian accepting the check from (R) Ann VanGuilder. Now in its twelfth year of operation in Crawford County, Weyerhaeuser has awarded grants totaling nearly \$600,000 to local and area nonprofit organizations.

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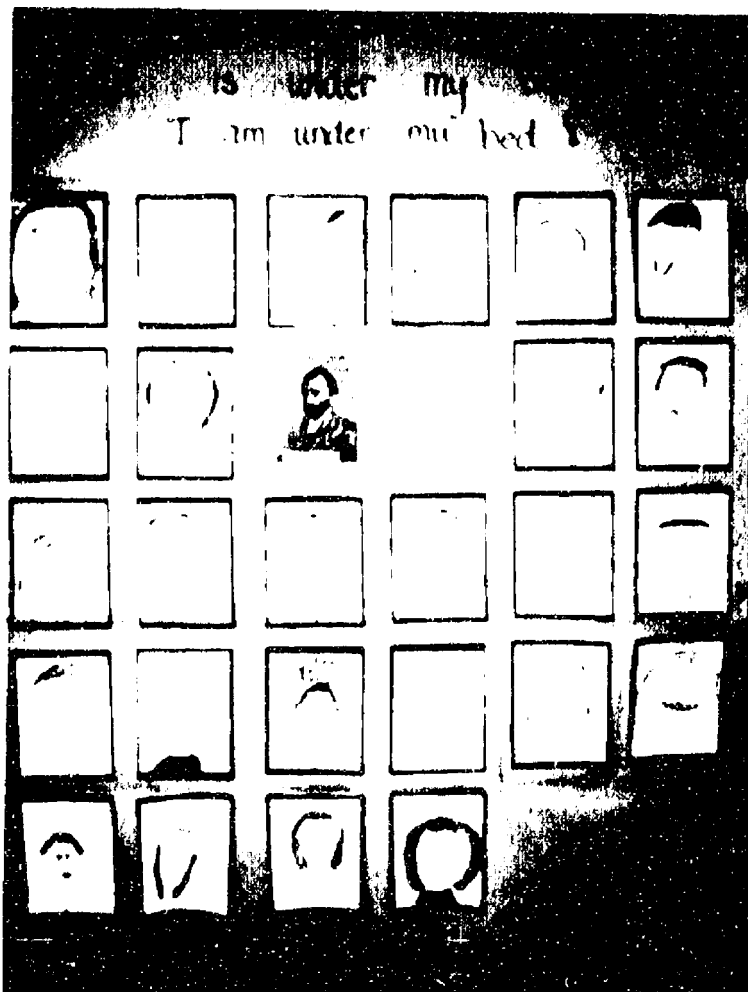
Section B-Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 6, 1995

Kids discover world's mysteries at science and art fair



MAKING MOLECULES STICK TOGETHER--Don Fenton of Kirtland Community College thrilled an audience of about 500 parents and kids on Saturday, March 25, with his comedy science show. Above he has stuck a group of kids together as an example of how molecules stick.



Students of art participated in the show with several displays of their finest works. Above is a gallery of self portraits done by Grayling Elementary School students.



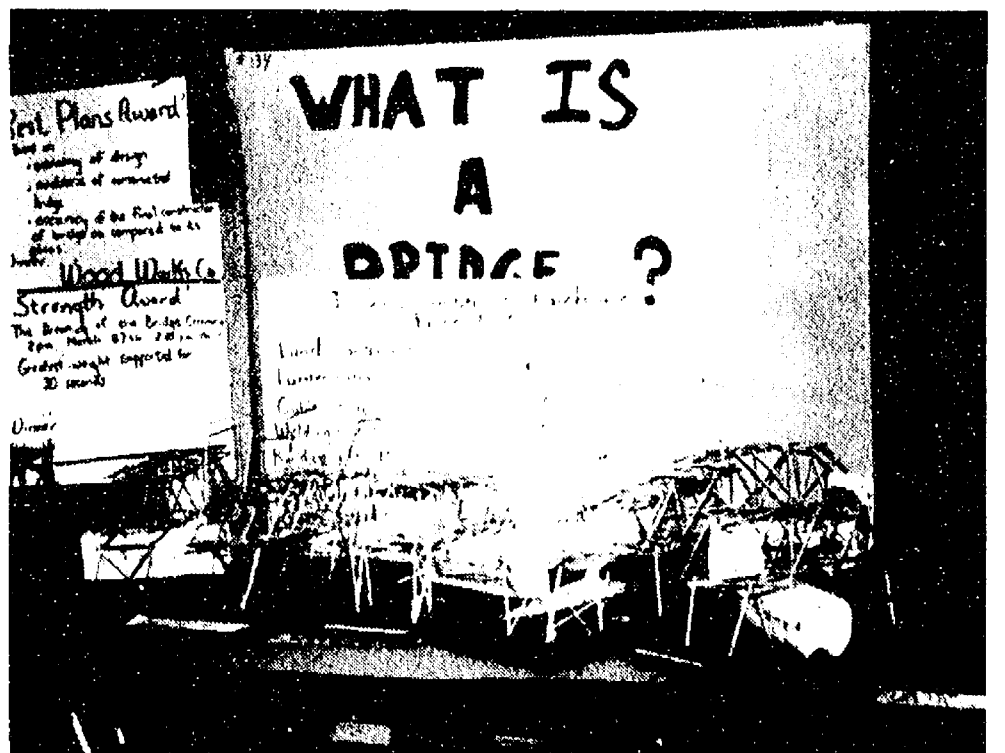
Demonstrating how a solid, in the form of dry ice, turns to gas when it meets water.

At the Crawford AuSable Science and Art Fair, the Michigan Science and Teachers Association presented awards for excellence to elementary students Annelise Finke, Charley McNamara, Shannon Johnston and Jennifer Lehman. Winners of outstanding science achievement were Scot Olson, Jessica Banda, Jesse Fisher, Mrs. Brunell's first grade, Jill Seager, Jill Seager and Christi Schmidt, Chelsea Currison, Bradley Bindschattel, Ellice Currison, Rachel and Jenny Brunell, Mallory Sager, Kassie McClain, Hannah Hall, Dale Burpee, Ryan Halstead, Isaiah Grounds, Sally Smock, Nicole Roman, Nicole Reyes, Josh Galvani, Samantha Palmer, Kyle Bond, Sean Kelly, Erik Olson, Matt Seager, Kristen Smock, Heather Lohrer, Heather Mathews, Joe Zeleck, Ben Crawford, Mrs. Hough's third grade, Mr. Andrus' third grade, Nicole Lutz, Annelise Finke, Gina Rosi and Monica Safin, Lance Kingslien, Lori Ellis, Autum Burpee, Shayla Moore, Nicole Persing, Mrs. Bergland's fourth grade, Mrs. Duncley's fourth grade, Charley McNamara, Lloyd Winkler, Anna Fortino, Elizabeth Hellebuyck, Shannon Johnston and Jennifer Lehman, Alexis Sumner and Bridgette Reed, Matt Kersey and Nate Haskell.

In the 6-12 grade division, winners were Becky Hunt and Nicollette Earls, Kristina Brady and Jennifer Alma, Gary Winchester and Jeremiah Haskins, Ryan Stahl, Bethanie and Brett Black, Michelle Stephenson, Karen and Kathy Wyman, Brie Blaauw, Angela Fisher and Crystal Pilon, Sara Eagen, Jessica Beck, Kelly Taylor, Nicole Sloan and Tom Balmes, Katie Smock and Lynn Rochette.



A demonstration of the powers of magnetism.



The physics of spanning an area with a bridge.



Demonstrating how night and day occur in relation to the sun and the movement of the earth on its axis.

Shhhhhh -- it's the quiet sports only at Rendezvous 95



Northern Michigan's largest outdoor event dedicated to the quiet sports of hiking, camping and paddling was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Saturday, April 1.

The event was called Rendezvous 95, and was hosted and sponsored by Cartwright and Danewell Provisioners of Grayling.

Hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts spent the day looking, shopping and talking to manufacturing representatives of companies specializing in canoes, kayaks, tents, sleeping bags, dry food, back packs and much more.

The fifth annual event featured four distinct areas within the Holidome of the Holiday Inn.

The speakers area offered the opportunity to enjoy and learn about different aspects of paddle sports, hiking and camping. The speakers included John and Ann Mahan, writers and photographers specializing in the Great Lake ecosystem; Charlie Wilson, an inventor and representative of the canoe industry specializing in canoe camping; Phillip Chester, a teacher and professional canoe guide and conservationist; the Grand Traverse Metis, a group of families who interpret the lifestyle of 18th century French Canadian colonists and; Anne Westlund, a gender activist for outdoor sports.

The exhibit area featured clubs, organizations, liveries and outfitters on hand to discuss their programs.

The sales area displayed outdoor and paddling clothing, paddles, canoes and kayaks and equipment by manufacturers.

The pool area served as a demonstration and try out area. Prospective buyers were able to get an on-the-water feel of their craft before deciding to purchase and demonstrators showed their skills in handling their water craft.

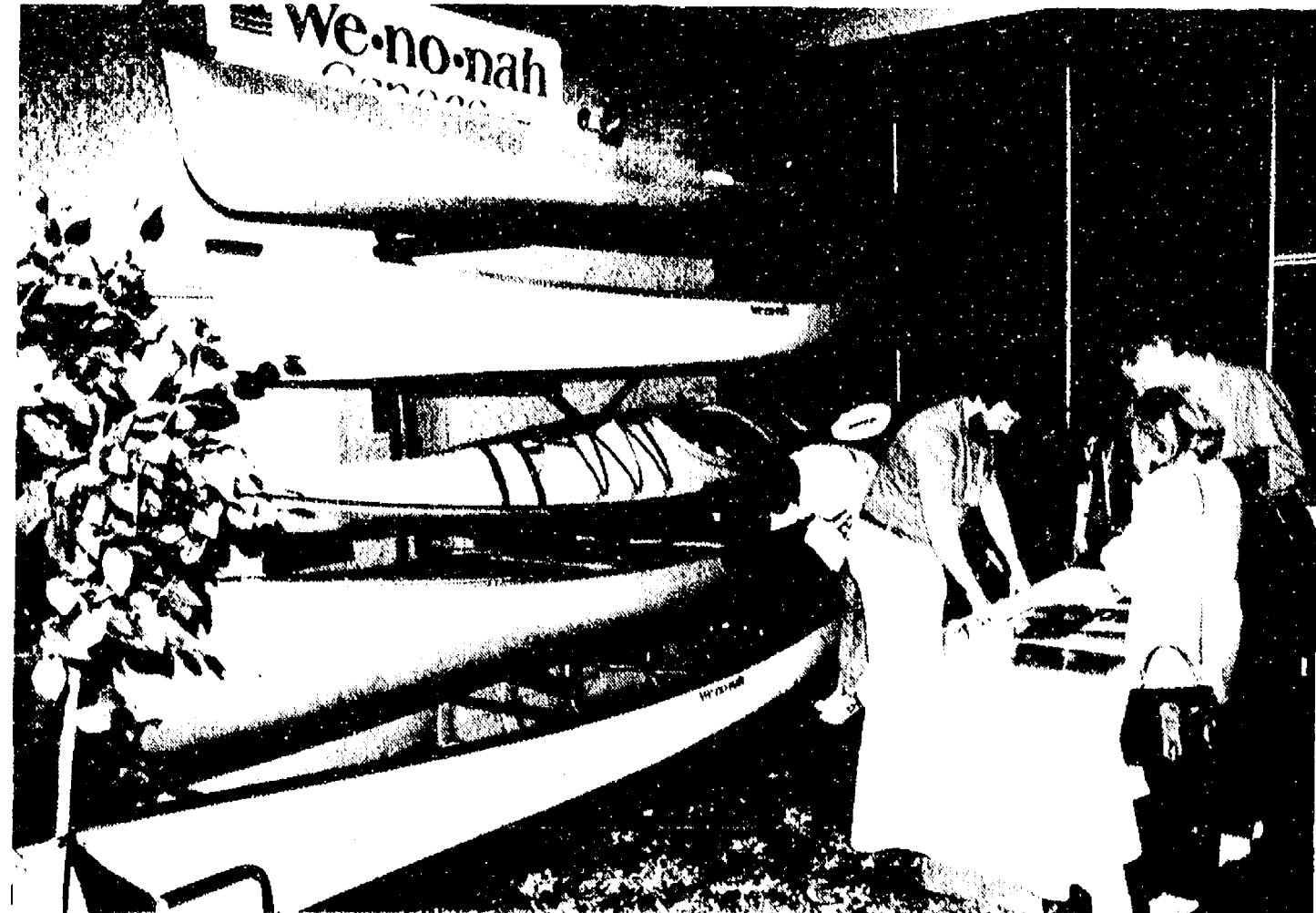
Cartwright and Danewell provided most attendees with a brochure full of information of the Grayling area including motels and restaurants. Side trips were arranged on Sunday for attendees wishing to tour the Hartwick Pines State Park or canoe down the AuSable River.



THE HOSTS--Michael and Ellen Searles, owners of Cartwright and Danewell Provisioners, were busy coordinating the giant outdoor show.



TRY BEFORE YOU BUY--This man is taking a short trip in this one-man canoe in the pool before he decides to purchase it.



SHOPPERS ENJOYED THE EXHIBIT AREA--This manufacturing representative from We-n-o-nah Canoes explains the highlights of his line of products to a prospective buyer at Cartwright and Danewell Provisioners' Rendezvous 95.

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

THE ICE WENT OUT OF LAKE MARGRETHE ON MARCH 30--This must be some kind of record. The problem with an early spring is there's nothing for sportsmen to do for two weeks or more. Most fishing seasons don't open until April 29. Smelt should be running soon, maybe in the next two weeks or so. We will be watching that closely.

Steelhead is now open all around. It has been good most places using spawn and sometimes flies. As soon as the ice gets out of the small lakes you might try them for early season bluegills or perch.



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SPORTS

Senate approves McManus' DNR budget bill

Michigan hunters and anglers came one step closer to remaining free from license fee increases when the Senate approved the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) budget contained in Senate Bill 299, announced bill-sponsor Senator George McManus, R-Traverse City.

"Raising hunting and fishing fees for recreational sportsmen and women is not the solution to our budget problems," McManus said.

In its search for a way to cover a \$5.6-million revenue loss in the game and fish protection fund, the DNR recently proposed increasing hunting and fishing license fees for Michigan sportsmen and women. The plan was hotly rejected by outdoor enthusiasts. The DNR subsequently proposed taking money out of wildlife and fish-related programs to help cover the shortfall.

McManus opposed both of the DNR's plans. Instead, McManus, chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources, called for \$425,000 in cuts in the Lansing-based personnel and executive divisions of the DNR during recent committee negotiations. McManus said other programs throughout the department, not directly attributable to game and fish activities, would be supported by general fund revenues, not funds from hunting and fishing license fees. His plan was later approved by the full Senate Appropriations Committee and again by the senate.

"The bottom line is that funds raised through fees paid by sportsmen and women ought to only be used to pay for hunting and fishing activities," McManus added. "I am confident we

have found a more appropriate way to cover the revenue shortfall without hurting those who enjoy Michigan's natural resources the most."

The plan now heads before the House of Representatives to be considered during their budget discussions.

Springtime is horse time!



Dozens of horse lovers turned out for the annual 4H Warm Up held at Hawk Hill Farms in Beaver Creek on Sunday, March 25. The Warm Up is the first competition of the year for most riders in showmanship, pleasure and barrel racing.

Angie Patrick (above) shows her stuff in the barrel bending competition on "Lilly," while (below) Linda Wright loosens up "Mystic" for the barrel cloverleaf competition.



Wright made the finals in the middleweight division, while Stallard advanced in the lightweight division. The two men trained with Gary Hassan of Grayling.

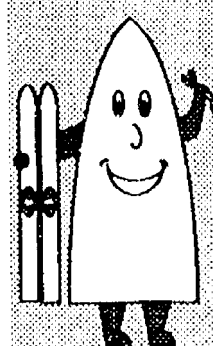
Registration set for radio class

The Amateur Radio Association at Hanson Hills will hold a pre-class registration on April 6, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling Fire Dept. For information, persons may contact Ron Pearce at 348-3605.

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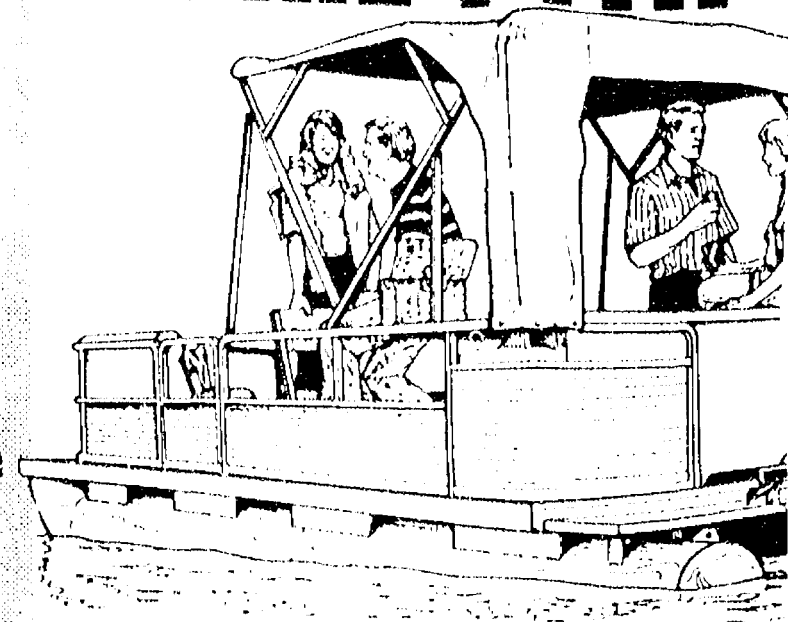


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Mickey Perez CPA	23-29
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Cornell	18-34
High Game: D. Mead, 193, J. Croze, 191, A. Mastie, R. Gierke, 187. High Series: C. Curtis, 500, C. Mead, 471, M. Ginther, 465.	

Pioneer League

Avalanche	26-18
M & M Crafts	26-18
Mercy Hospital	23-21
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Chemical Bank	21-23
Aunt Betty's	21-23
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Georgia Pacific Resin	22
Sutiles	18
High Game: B. Eyon, 213, C. Golinick, 213, B. Palmer, 211. High Series: B. Eyon, 620, D. Canfield, 599, K. Golinick, 567.	

American Men's League

Upper Lakes	23
Stitches by Sue	17
Grayling RV	15
McLean's	14
Auto Value Center	12
Northland Appliance	11
Swamp II	11
Red Barn	9
High Game: D. Metzger, 221, C. Golinick, 208, B. Palmer, 207. High Series: C. Golinick, 578, T. Devins, 545, D. Metzger, 539.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Advance Collision	35-21
Aunt Betty's	33-23
A. H. Rental & Repair	33-23
Moshier's Auto	30-26
Pizza Hut	28-28
Main Street Realty	28-28
AJD	19-37
Wakeley Builders	18-38
Men's High Game: R. Hinds, 224, 204, B. Eyon, 207, J. Campbell, 196. Men's High Series: R. Hinds, 617, J. Campbell, 513, B. Eyon, 510.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 193, L. Pelton, 167, J. Hinds, 166. Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 503, J. Hinds, 484, K. Lozon, 452.	

Thursday Morning Coffee League

Wakeley's Golden Girls	36.5
Bucalli's	35
Hardees	34.5
Legion Lanes	31
Statewide	24
Spikes	23
AuSable Construction	22
Lone Pine Inn	18
High Game: S. France, 212, 186, Juanita, 184, A. Mathey, 181. High Series: S. France, 541, Juanita, 512, T. Papendick, 490.	

Northwood League

Helsel Bros.	37
Richs Cycle	31
Subway	30.5
Burger King	29
Econo Cuts	26
Patti's Towne House	25.5
Goodale's Bakery	23
Stitch-in-Time	22
High Game: W. Millikin, 203, J. Dreasky, 200, S. France, 178. High Series: J. Dreasky, 541, W. Millikin, 517, S. France, 516.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Sutiles	37-11
Mac's Drugs	31.5-16.5

Robideau Const. #1	26-22
Odd Halls	25-23
Robideau Const. #2	23.5-24.5
Computer Services Co.	20-28
Strikers	17-31
All Seasons Drywall	12-36
Men's High Game: R. Adkison, 205, J. Robideau, 199. Men's High Series: R. Adkison, 561, J. Robideau, 557, R. Hinds, 539.	
Women's High Game: C. Strong, 214, M. Miller, 201, N. Glasslee, 191. Women's High Series: M. Miller, 535, N. Glasslee, 522, C. Strong, 515.	

Saturday Morning

3-18-95
The Nature League

Hailers	6-0
Typhoons	6-0
Tomadoes	3-3
Earth Quakes	3-3
Heat Waves	3-3
Hurricanes	2-4
Cyclones	1-5
Blizzards	0-6
Boy's High Game: E. Coots, 127. Boy's High Series: E. Coots, 220. Girl's High Game: A. Hawley, 116. Girl's High Series: A. Hawley, 217.	

3-11-95 results: Boy's High Game: K. Roman, 127. Boy's High Series: K. Roman, 244. Girl's High Game: D. Mathey, 90. Girl's High Series: D. Mathey, 118.

The Teen League

Outlaws	8-0
Majestics	7-1
Wild Things	5-3
Shadows	4-4
Explorers	3-5
Challengers	3-5
Road Runners	1-7
Voyagers	1-7
Boy's High Game: D. Wilhelm, 179. Boy's High Series: D. Wilhelm, 495. Girl's High	

Game: C. Romain, 138. Girl's High Series: C. Romain, 404.

3-11-95 results: Boy's High Game: R. Strohpaul, 163. Boy's High Series: R. Strohpaul, 465. Girl's High Game: N. Strohpaul, 175. Girl's High Series: D. Harris, 394.

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Maxine Hewson will be at the Frederic Library on Thursday, April 13, at 3:45 p.m. for another basket-weaving demonstration. We will be weaving heart-shaped baskets. You may come just to observe, or if you would like to take part and weave a basket, call the library at 348-4067 to reserve materials for you and to get more information on what you will need to bring with you.

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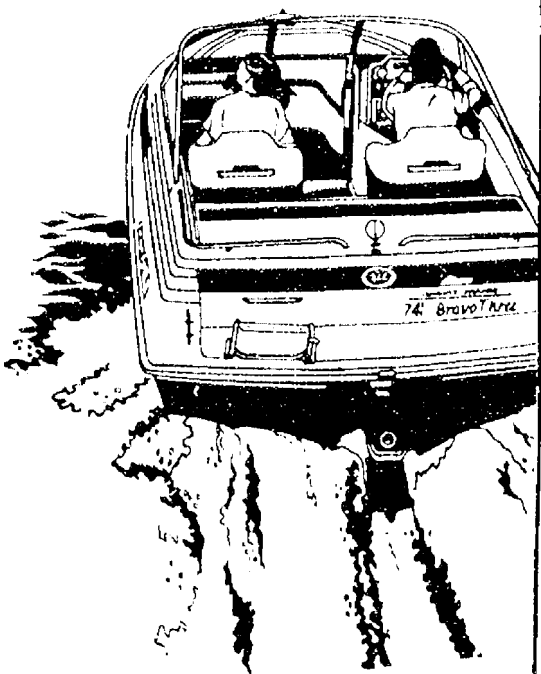
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Grayling Legion sponsors American Legion baseball

The Grayling American Legion Post #106 has committed to sponsoring an American Legion baseball team made up of 16 to 18-year-old boys from the Crawford, Roscommon and Oscoda County areas.

The team will play a summer schedule of approximately 20 games, about half of which will be played at the Grayling High School baseball diamond. Other games will be played in Roscommon. The team will be coached by Tom Haskel and Jon Thompson of Grayling.

The team will be affiliated with American Legion Post #416 in St. Helen.

Competition for the team will include teams from Gaylord, Kalkaska, Alger and Tawas City. One mid-summer tournament has been

scheduled as well as the American Legion State Tournament in late July.

The team general manager Doug Dosson said, "This will be a tremendous asset to the community because it will give boys who are interested in college baseball some good summer experience at a very competitive level."

Other contributors to the American Legion baseball program include Burger King, the Grayling Moose Lodge, Grayling Little League and several Roscommon sponsors.

"There will be a very gruelling schedule," Dosson said, "but boys who are very serious about baseball can gain more experience."

For more information on American Legion baseball, persons may call (517) 275-8523.



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Guest speaker will be Ken Achard of Kelly Kaller Game Calls. Achard is a 3-time champion turkey caller and has hunted all species of wild turkey on the national level.

There will be seminars on calling, how to make calls, turkey hunting safety, patterning your gun, scouting and hunting techniques and there will be movies on turkey hunting.

At 1 p.m. there will be a NWTf sanctioned calling contest with winners eligible to compete at Grand Nationals in junior, amateur and open divisions.

There will also be a hunter class fun contest, non-sanctioned calling contest open to callers who haven't entered the sanctioned contest.

The Beaver Creek chapter will have merchandise for sale including Q-Boy



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A raffle will award a Winchester #1300, plus cash prizes.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and seminars begin at 9 a.m. The admission will be \$4 for adults with kids 12 and under free. All proceeds will go directly to the Beaver

Creek chapter for winter survival programs and habitat projects.

The Beaver Creek Township/Community Center Building is located at 8888 South Grayling Road.

For further information persons are asked to call Brian McPhail at (517) 275-4113, or Steve Nelson at (517) 275-5749.

4-H T-ball registration due May 10

Don't forget to sign up for 4-H T-ball. This will be the 16th season for the area's five, six and seven year olds.

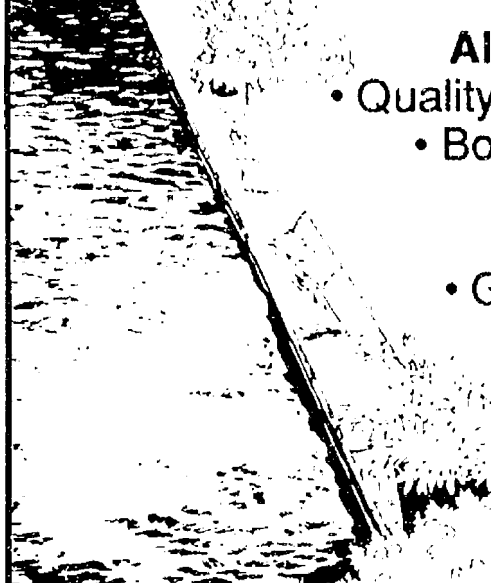
To play the youth must be five before July 31, and may not turn eight before Aug. 1.

The players who played last year and have a shirt and cap will be able to use the same one this year. A copy of the child's birth certificate (unless on file at 4-H) and health registration form is needed to register. The fee is \$3 if you already have a shirt and cap, and \$8 if they are needed. To register, forms may be picked up at the MSU Extension/4-H office in the basement

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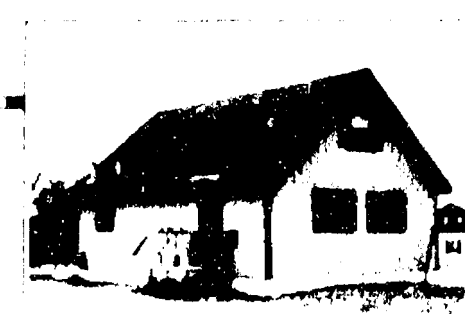


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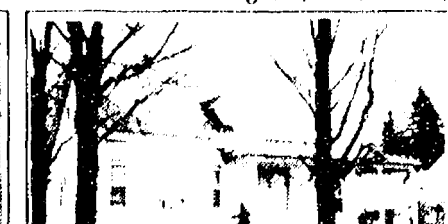
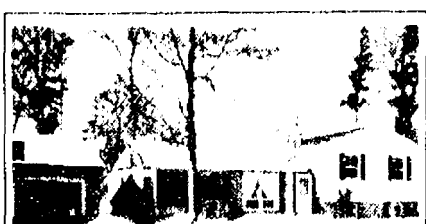
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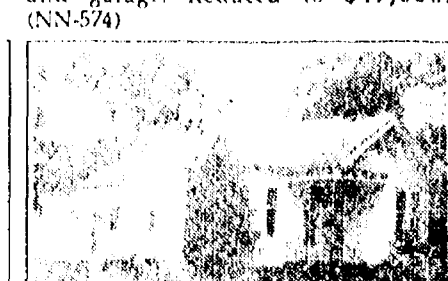
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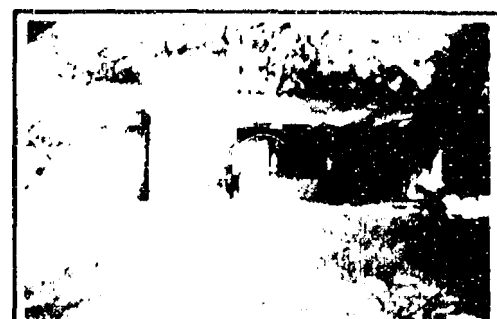
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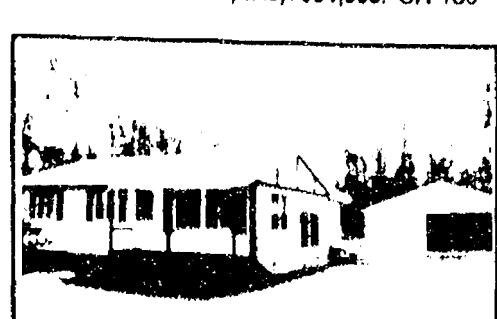
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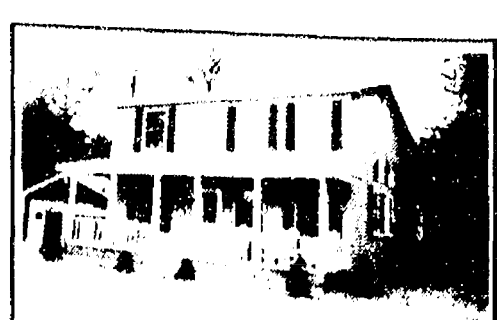
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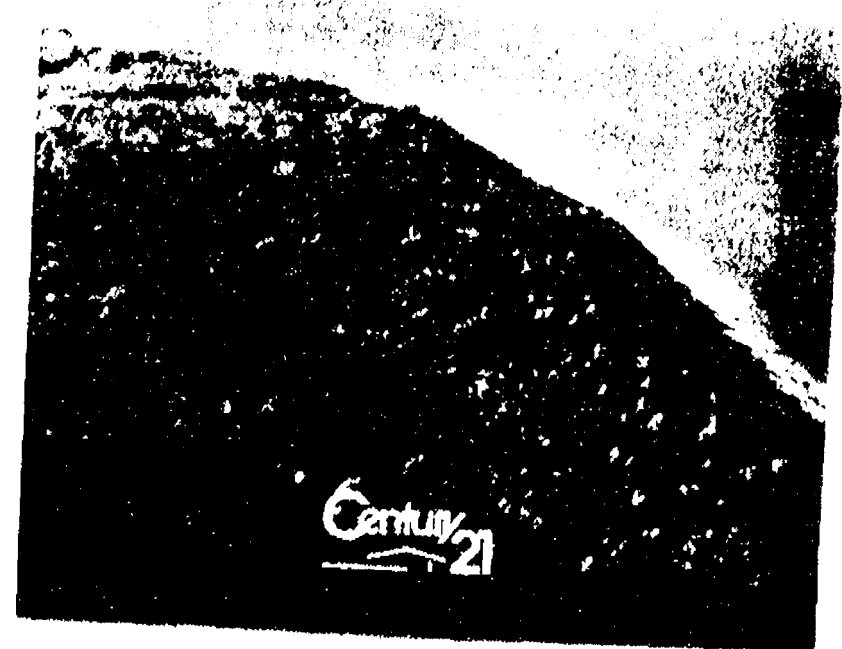
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Volunteers are an important part of the hospice team. Through a structured training program you will gain the necessary qualifications to be capable of supporting individuals and families in their home. Volunteers are also needed to assist staff with multiple office responsibilities. Volunteer Training Program begins April 10th. Please contact Ellen Light, Volunteer Coordinator at 517-348-4383.

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BUY OR SELL AVON Call Mary, Independent rep., (517) 348-6823, leave message. 10/6/94/7

BAHAMA CRUISE! Five days/four nights, underbooked! Must sell \$279/couple. Limited tickets. (407) 831-4700, ext. 4708, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. -23-30-6-13/7

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8. Announcements

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Shirley Carpenter, 348-5362. If you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother. 12/12tf/8

FISH FRY: SPIKE'S KEG O'NAILS, every Friday, 4-9 p.m. All you can eat, \$4.95. 10/6/94tf/8

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... NOTICE TO MEMBERS ... Grayling Eagles, Aerie 3465



A special meeting for the membership has been called to be held **Monday, April 10th at 7 pm in the Aerie Room**

Topic:
Return visit of the Grand Aerie Representative.

9. Personals

APRIL 7TH IS LORA GOULD'S birthday open house, featuring Mary Kay products, at 308 AuSable Ct. (two blocks from post office), 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please come and bring a friend. 348-2331. -6/9

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10. Garage Sales

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP (a church resale shop), M-72 West. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10-4. 348-2572. Ask about our daily specials. Pre-Easter sale, all men's clothing, suits, shirts, trousers, etc. Also women's suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, etc., and boy's, girl's, and infants clothing. Very nice selection in all departments. Bring this ad for your 50 percent discount. Donations always welcome. Clean, usable items only. We reserve the right to refuse unusable items. Thank you! -6/10

10. Garage Sales

A RUMMAGE SALE of attic treasures and used household items (no clothing) will be held at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on April 7 and 8. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. till 4 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The church is located on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Spruce Street in Grayling. Contributions may be brought in beginning Monday, April 3 thru Thursday, April 6. No clothing please! -30-6/10

200 FULTON Clothes (baby's too), books, toys, lots of misc. Friday, 1 till 4; Saturday, 9 till 5. -6/10

MOVING SALE SATURDAY, 10-2 Matching sofa set, two bunk-bed frames, some household items. Make offer. 3269 W. 5-Mile Road: 4-Mile Rd. to Old 27, one mile to 5-Mile Road, one mile down to sale. -6/10

MOVING SALE 9490 S. Grayling Road, Roscommon, Old-76, next to Kuk's Nursery. Friday-Saturday, April 7th & 8th, 10-6. Two refrigerators (working order), bathtub, sink, toilet (pink), large old desk, lawn furniture, nice (blue) sofa bed, child's swing set (almost new), misc. items. Free box of misc. items. Everything priced to sell. -6/10

11. Automotive

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Local musician invited to play in all-star band

Timothy Febey, 11th grade student at Interlochen Arts Academy was invited to play in the David Maslanka All Star Band which performed at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, on March 31.

Febey, the son of Richard and Barbara Febey of Grayling, is a trombone performance major at Interlochen and was nominated by his

director, John Stanley Ross and then selected by the All Star Band Committee.

The concert at Miller Auditorium on the WMU campus featured not only guest conductor-composer David Maslanka but also the University Brass Choir and the University Symphonic Band.

Rehearsals continue for northern Michigan 'Show of Shows'

Every Thursday afternoon the dining room of the Grayling Senior Center turns into a rehearsal hall, and the dance floor of the Speakeasy Saloon at the Grayling Holiday Inn turns into a dance studio as Grayling area seniors continue rehearsals for the 1995 edition

of the "Milltown Follies." This year's "Follies" will be presented on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 9 and 10, at the Grayling High School Auditorium.

Several senior centers of surrounding communities are making arrangements for groups from their community to attend this year's follies. Packages have been developed for surrounding communities, which include transportation, an afternoon of shopping or a visit to Hartwick Pines State Park, a family-style, home-cooked dinner and admission to the "Follies." More information regarding the Follies package can be obtained by calling your local center or 1-800-624-0221.

General admission tickets for both performances are now available and may be purchased from several Grayling area merchants for \$6 per person. Tickets can also be ordered by mail by writing Grayling Milltown Follies, P.O. Box 256, Grayling, MI 49738, or by telephone by calling 1-800-624-0221.

11. Automotive

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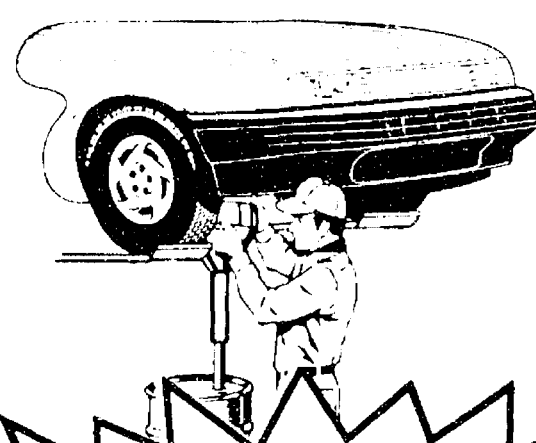
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By Elizabeth McMillin, Family Nutrition Education Program Coordinator, Crawford County MSU Extension

Fascinating facts...

The following facts were taken from the Berkeley Wellness Newsletter.

•Americans are eating "hotter." Consumption of dried red pepper has nearly tripled during the past 20 years, thanks in large part to the growing popularity of Mexican and other highly-spiced cuisines. American consumption of other "hot" spices — black pepper, mustard and ginger — has also skyrocketed.

•Nearly 70 percent of all baseball injuries result from sliding. About 1.7 million sliding injuries occur annually. Especially risky is sliding into an unyielding raised base. The use of unattached, recessed or quick-release bases can prevent many injuries.

•Bagels are bigger. Many fresh-baked bagels now weigh six to seven ounces and pack 500 calories or more, according to a recent analysis in the

New York Times. Plain bagels, like any other plain bread, have 70 to 80 calories per ounce.

•Smokeless ashtrays don't work, according to testing of common models by William Nazaroff at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. These ashtrays don't filter out much secondhand smoke, as promised, but merely disperse it.

•Like all plain breads, pita bread has almost no fat and only 70 to 80 calories per ounce. Whole-wheat pita, like whole-wheat bread, is more nutritious than that made from refined wheat. Pita's main advantage is its small serving size: A typical 7-inch pita weighs in at only two ounces and 150 calories, versus about four ounces and 320 calories in the average long sandwich roll or bagel.

Grayling Ford wins Distinguished Service Award

Grayling Ford Lincoln Mercury of Grayling, has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships and will receive Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award for Quality. This award is presented in recognition of progressive management, sound

merchandising practices, high-quality standards, and continuing interest in rendering superior service to Ford owners.

James Wernig, Jr., has been a Ford dealer in Grayling since November 1992. The dealership is located at 208 S. James, South I-75 Business Loop.

Politics and utility poles don't mix

For everything there is a season, and the season for politics is upon us. Consumers Power Company wishes to remind campaign workers that nailing, stapling, tacking or pinning posters or fliers of any type on utility poles is strictly prohibited without the expressed and written permission of the company.

"Consumers Power has always encouraged people to get involved in the political process," said Tom O'Brien, area manager for the utility. "Utility poles are often seen by enthusiastic campaign workers as ideal sites for their posters. But the poles

serve a critical role in delivering electric service to our customers," he added.

During an outage, a crew member may have to climb the pole in order to restore electric service. Nails and other pieces of hard metal interfere with the ability of climbing spikes to "bite into" the poles. If a crew member loses footing high above the ground, the resultant fall could prove fatal.

"Our political process is a good one. With a little extra care, it can also be a safe one for our employees and their families," O'Brien said.

TaxNews

Good news for job hunters

Many expenses you have looking for a new job in your present occupation may be deductible. These expenses include resume preparation, employment agency fees, and transportation expenses to interview for a position or look for work. If you are job-hunting in a different part of the country, your qualified travel expenses include transportation costs to get to and from the job-search area, and food (subject to the 50-percent limit in 1994), lodging, and other transportation costs while there.

Job-hunting expenses are deductible whether or not you actually obtain a new job. If you are currently unemployed, you may deduct expenses related to looking for a new job in your most recent occupation, unless you have been unemployed for a long time.

You may include your deductible job-hunting expenses with other

unreimbursed employee-business expenses as miscellaneous itemized deductions, subject to the two percent of adjusted-gross-income limitation.

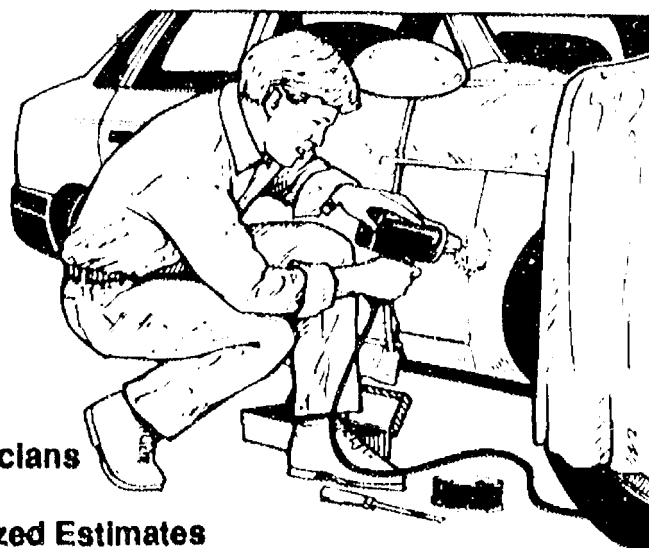
Social Security and Medicare taxes

For 1994, employees are subject to Social Security tax withholding at a rate of 6.2 percent of the first \$60,600 of wages and Medicare tax withholding at a rate of 1.45 percent of all wages. These amounts are reported separately on each employee's W-2 form. Employers pay an equal amount for each worker.

Self-employed individuals pay Social Security tax at a rate of 12.4 percent of the first \$60,600 of net self-employment income and Medicare tax at a rate of 2.9 percent of all net self-employment income. Self-employed taxpayers are entitled to a deduction of half the self-employment tax paid.

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NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

In coordination with the State of Michigan and area road commissions, the weight restrictions, imposed in March 7, 1995, will be lifted at: 6 am on Wednesday, April 5, 1995.

J. Briney

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Lovells Township Board is now taking bids for a 16' x 30' addition to the Lovells Township Library. Any licensed builder who is interested can contact Supervisor Fred Schabily for specs and additional information at 348-9215, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.

Cheryl Hopp

Lovells Township Board

-6-13-20

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is seeking assistance from persons interested in studying the requirements, responsibilities, programs, and work load of the prosecuting attorney's office. A committee of seven persons will be appointed as soon as possible so a recommendation can be made within a six month period from the following:

- One retired attorney
- One practicing attorney
- One township representative
- One law enforcement representative
- One party from the prosecutor's office
- Two citizens

Please submit your resume to the Board of Commissioners, C/O the County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by April 14, 1995.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
Crawford County Clerk

-30-6-13

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, beginning at 7 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE 95-1: Grayling Township Planning Commission, petitioner.

LOCATION: Properties lying within the R-1, R-2 and R-F residential zones of Grayling Township.

The Grayling Township Planning Commission is proposing to amend Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 regarding accessory buildings in the following manner.

Page 2 Definitions:

BUILDING, ACCESSORY: Accessory structure, a building, the occupancy of which is incidental to that of the main building, that is located on the same lot as the main building.

Page 34 Footnotes to Schedule

SECTION 20.1 B. 1. a. (add) No accessory building shall be allowed on any unimproved lot (no dwelling).

SECTION 20.1 B. 2. (add) In no instance shall more than (2) two accessory buildings be located on one (1) acre or less.

SECTION 20.1 B. 2. a. (add) A lot size greater than one (1) acre but less than three (3) acres is allowed three (3) accessory buildings.

SECTION 20.1 B. 2. b. (add) A lot size greater than three (3) acres cannot have an accessory building larger than 1,200 square feet.

SECTION 20.1 B. 4. Change from six (6) to fifteen (15) feet the distance between unattached accessory and main structures.

SECTION 20.1 B. 5. Change from fifteen (15) to sixteen (16) feet the maximum height of detached accessory buildings, except private garages.

Zoning Ordinance and case files are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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Michigan legislators hope to make ephedrine a prescription drug

By Amy Bryer
Capital News Service

Young people ranging from fifth grade to college have been using the over-the-counter stimulant ephedrine to get a physical high and two senators want to put a stop to it.

Sens. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, and Joe Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, said they will introduce legislation to make the drug sold in pill form a prescription drug.

Ephedrine pills are sometimes marketed under the more commonly known brand name of "Mini Thins."

BDI Pharmaceuticals in Indianapolis, manufactures the Mini Thins, but was not available for comment.

The stated purpose of the drug, which is available at convenience stores and gas stations, is to relieve asthma.

Evidence suggests the ephedrine pills are being mixed with other drugs and used as a stimulant by many non-asthmatic youngsters, the senators said.

"This is over-the-counter speed," said Nancy Scott, director of the Monroe County Intermediate School District's drug-prevention program.

Scott first brought her concerns to Berryman after she noticed the frequency of the appearance of the drug in middle schools.

"I'm seeing more and more of this drug, and it's getting worse," Scott said. "I've got kids passing out and

hitting the floor. Someone is going to die."

Recently, a boy from a Monroe area middle school took more than five of the pills and had to be hospitalized, Berryman said.

"What's going to happen is that someone is going to have a heart condition and not know it, and take these pills and die," Berryman said.

Ephedrine was implicated in the deaths of 184 people from 1988 to 1992, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, the senators said.

"Unscrupulous manufacturers are profiting from the fact that some young people have discovered that ephedrine is a cheap and readily-available stimulant," Schwarz said.

That is why the pills are popular among college students, as well. A person can purchase 100 pills for \$5.

Berryman interviewed a drug-store worker near the campus of Michigan State University who said the business' supply of "Mini Thins" is sold out every weekend.

"Rob," a MSU student from Traverse City, said he and his friends use the "Mini Thins" when they drink alcohol and sometimes when they smoke marijuana because it puts them in a better mood.

"It just gives you more energy," said Rob, who asked that only his first name be used. "It wakes you up and makes you want to drink more."

Ephedrine in a large dose can be harmful, said Schwarz, who is also a physician. When the drug is combined with other drugs it has the potential for being deadly, he said.

The assistant director for the Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy, Judith Pasquarella, said she is not sure that legislation is the answer to this problem.

"There are a number of products out there that are potentially dangerous, but if we start restricting the access to all of them the question is, will that really eliminate the rate of use," Pasquarella said.

One alternative Pasquarella gave is to educate the public and inform the retailers of the product, because they are the ones who sell the pills.

Teaching retailers about the placement of the product in their stores, such as behind the counter, is one option Pasquarella offered.

"I'm not sure if legislation is the answer," Pasquarella said. "Look how regulated alcohol is and how accessible that is to young people."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is reviewing the status of ephedrine, but Schwarz said the legislators want to act now to limit the sales of the drug on a non-prescription basis.

The bill should be introduced in the Senate soon after the 2-week legislative break.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 13th day of March 1995
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Golnick, Stevens, Moshier, Ruddy, Akers. Members Absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Verna M. Meharg, City Treasurer, Judy Morford, Peter and Gloria Stephan, Roy Knight Jr., three high school students, Terry Wright from Avalanche.

Moved by Akers, supported by Stevens that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 27, 1995, be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None. Communications were received and noted. Letter to DNR re: Sample Results from City Hall Site.

Letter from DNR re: Dam in City Park. Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of Feb. 9, 1995.

News Article re: Cynical Press. News Article re: City Revenue Sharing Cuts Proposed by Engler.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens to contact our State Representative and Senator and indicate our opposition to the proposed cuts as unfair at a time of surplus state revenues and severe cutbacks in federal aid to cities as well as constraints of Proposal "A" and increased state mandates.

February 1995 Police Report. Letter regarding Karl DeVries.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the City Council adopt an official resolution to commend Officer Karl DeVries for Employee Meritorious Recognition in the recent life-saving activity regarding Pastor James VanLiere (see attached). Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

February 1995 Finance Report. Emergency Service Council Meeting Minutes of March 3 & 8, 1995.

Grayling Youth Booster Club re: Membership. City Manager will write letter explaining city assistance to club.

Old Business. Richards & Associates final billing on 1994 Bridge Project and Industrial Park Project.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Akers to pay invoice from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$718 for final work on 1994 Street, Sidewalk & Bridge projects and \$828.50 for Industrial Park Project. Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

New Business.

Non-profit Status of Huron Pines RC&D Area Council Inc.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to approve request from Huron Pines RC&D Area Council Inc. to be recognized as a non-profit organization (see attached). Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

Reports of City Manager. Update of State Police Garage and remodeling of State Police Offices.

Sheriff Sale — Permission to dispose of \$200 and under miscellaneous items.

Reports of Council Members. None.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 95-5358-IE

Estate of OLGA S. EMERSON, Deceased, 495-46-8232.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 7568 W. Batterson Rd. P.O. Box 376, Frederic, Michigan 49733, died 1/18/95.

An instrument dated 1/4/91 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, George Emerson, P.O. Box 376, Frederic, MI 49733, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Terrence H. Bloomquist P10903
306 State Street, P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738 517-348-6141

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SYNOPSIS Lovells Township Special Meeting of the Lovells Township Board 3-28-95

Meeting to adopt the budgets for fiscal year 1995-1996 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Schabily. Present were Schabily, Hopp, Haberland and Duby.

Motion approved to accept General Fund Budget by activity for \$109,795.

Fuchs arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Motion approved to accept the Fire Fund Budget with amendments for \$44,240.

Motion approved to accept the Landfill Fund Budget for \$27,390.

Motion approved to accept the Liquor Fund Budget for \$579, the Library Fund Budget for \$16,415 and the Gypsy Moth Fund, no activity.

Motion approved to contribute \$2,000 to the curbing of five roads on Lovells Road during the repaving project.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk



NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall on M-18.
2. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:30 pm.
3. Dates of regular meetings are as follows:

April 11, 1995	October 10, 1995
May 9, 1995	November 14, 1995
June 13, 1995	December 12, 1995
July 11, 1995	January 9, 1996
August 8, 1995	February 13, 1996
September 12, 1995	March 12, 1996

ANNUAL MEETING: March 30, 1996 at 9 am, Township Hall

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 1995-96 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 1995, area available for public inspection at the South Branch Township offices located at 5245 M-18, Roscommon, Michigan.

Mary M. Mollen, Clerk
South Branch Township

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NOTICE 1995 BOARD SCHEDULE

CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MEETINGS

500 Huron St.
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Beginning April 10, 1995, at 6 am, summer operations will begin on the basis of a 4-day, ten hour per day, work schedule.

Consequently, road commission board meetings are re-scheduled to occur every other Thursday, during the time the summer schedule is in effect.

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 10 AM

January 13	February 10	March 10
January 27	February 24	March 24

REVISED SUMMER SCHEDULE

April 7	April 20
April 21	May 4
May 5	May 18
May 19	June 1
June 2	June 15
June 16	June 29
June 30	July 13
July 14	July 27
July 28	August 10
August 11	August 24
August 25	September 7
September 8	September 21
September 22	October 5
October 6	October 19
October 20	November 1
November 3	December 15
November 17	
December 29	BUDGET HEARING FOR 1996

James Briney
Managing Director

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FEATURE

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: April 9 - 15, 1995

- ARIES
March 21-April 19
Don't be misled by those around you. You know what is best for you. Follow your intuition.
- TAURUS
April 20-May 20
Use your creative energy to boost your confidence. Positive channeling will also lift your morale.
- GEMINI
May 21-June 20
Look to someone you trust for good advice. Be honest with mate but, more importantly, be honest with yourself.
- CANCER
June 21-July 22
Business proposition looks good; just don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
- LEO
July 23-Aug 22
Limit spending. Avoid any unnecessary expenses. A promotion or incentive is in the offing.
- VIRGO
Aug 23-Sept 22
Your personality lends itself to others' confidences. Listen with care and offer advice only when asked.
- LIBRA
Sept 23-Oct 22
Delve into a project that you have been putting off. It will keep your mind occupied and help you forget a lost love.
- SCORPIO
Oct 23-Nov 21
Keep all business deals on the table. Trying to push something under the carpet will only create more problems.
- SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22-Dec 21
Have the urge to spend? Use excess fund to stock up on gifts that you will need later on...like Christmas!
- CAPRICORN
Dec 22-Jan 19
Keep your options open. Don't agree to anything unless you are sure that it is right for you. That includes matrimony.
- AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18
A newcomer could use a helping hand. Give some of your time and some of yourself and you may just have a new friend.
- PISCES
Feb 19-March 20
One who has always been on your side may defect. Don't be disappointed. Everyone must look out for themselves.



MALE CHOW MIX NEEDS A HOME--This male chow mix is approximately one year old. He is very friendly and appears to be housebroken. If you would like to give him a good home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

If you leave your washer or dryer lid open, check inside for your cat before you use the machine. Cats will crawl in because the appliance is warm, or just out of curiosity.

Cats love to curl up under furniture to sleep. Check under recliners and rockers before you move them to avoid hurting an unaware kitty.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

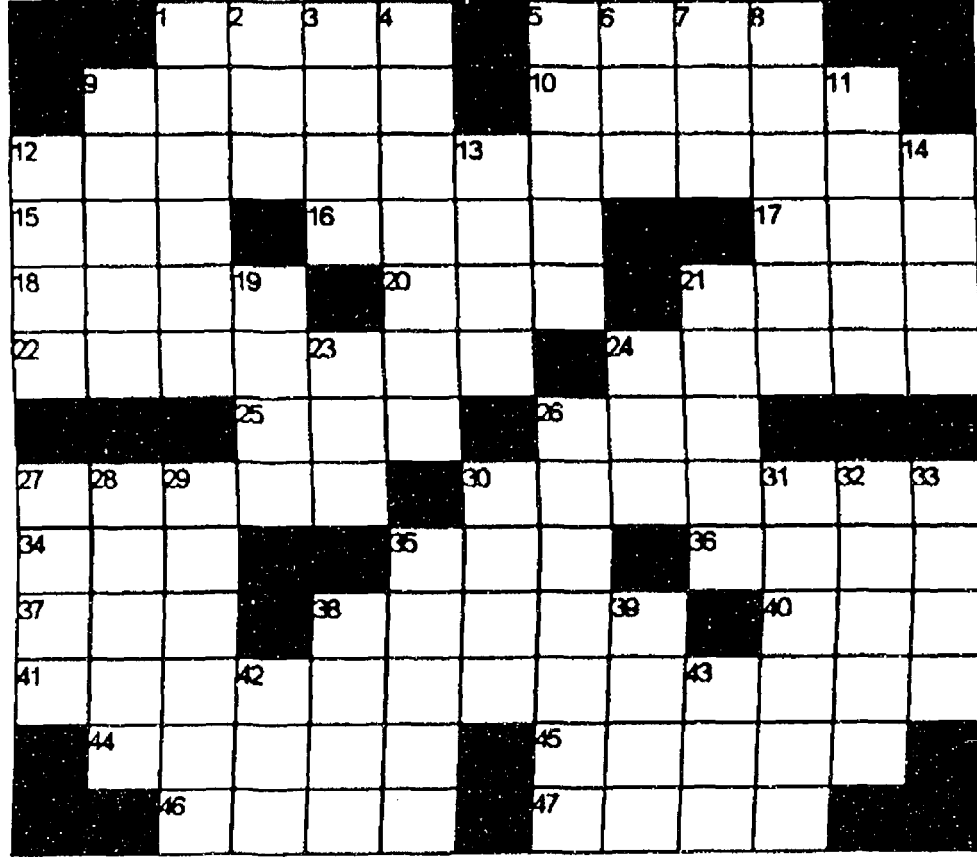


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20. Wager
21. Hawaiian fire goddess
22. Disavowals
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25. Dice, pl.
26. Male
27. Constructor
30. Sears
34. Chemical suffix
35. Unhappy
36. Own
37. Against
38. Swiftly
40. Permit
41. Utterances
44. Well-known

45. Read studiously
46. Promontory
47. Lop
DOWN
1. Alarm bell
2. Underwater Diving Operation, Abr.
3. Lease
4. Distinguished
5. One of Santa's reindeer
6. Biblical lion
7. Operated
8. Overjoyed
9. Employ again
11. Long wide scarf
12. Thunderfish
13. Mimics

14. Looked at
19. Assistant
21. Nip
23. Atmosphere
24. Prohibit
26. Wild fellows
27. Isinglass
28. Embellish
29. Simon
30. Java measure
31. Having a corona
32. Levels
33. Hardens
35. Potatoes
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42. Citizen
43. Anger



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago
April 6, 1972

At the last meeting of the Crawford County Democratic Party held at the County Building, the following officers were named for the coming year.

Chairman, Walter Confer; Vice-Chairman, Edith Paul; Treasurer, Bernard Maurer; Secretary, Virginia Mullikin; and Membership Chairman, Claudia Selthoffer.

A petition with more than 200 signatures asking for a city income tax vote, circulated by citizens, was filed with the Grayling City Council last week by Lloyd Crawford.

Grayling voters will ballot on the city income tax question as part of the May 16th presidential primary election.

The income tax, if adopted, would have all revenues earmarked for street construction in the city, according to the petitions and council resolution.

The Grayling Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire on Wednesday afternoon at Aubrey's Barber Shop in downtown Grayling. The rear portion of the building was badly damaged and the building has been torn down.

Susan Meoak, Grayling High School junior, has been selected to attend Girls State, to be held this year at Olivet College, June 11 thru 18.

Susan is the daughter of Mrs. David B. Babbitt and the late Robert Meoak. She is active in the G.H.S. band, having recently won high honors at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Gaylord.

Ivajoan Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher of Grayling, has been placed on the dean's list at Muskegon Business College for maintaining a 3.50 average for the winter quarter.

Mrs. Laura Johnston called the Avalanche to report seeing a robin last Tuesday afternoon. Maybe spring is on the way after all.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cherven of Grayling, on March 28, a daughter, Susan Mary, weighing five pounds, 8 3/4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Naour of Grayling, are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennifer Leigh, born on March 29, weighing eight pound, one ounce.

Paula Jean is the newest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nunn of Grayling. She was born March 31, and weighed nine pounds, 15 ounces.

A colorful painting of a tree, done by an 8-year-old girl from Grayling, Margaret Kesteloot, will appear in the

April 1972 issue of *American Girl* magazine published by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Terry Russell Wright arrived home early Easter morning having received his discharge from the Army on April 1. During his tour of duty he had spent one year in Vietnam and one and one-half years in Germany.

Harry and Esther Hoerl are proud to announce the sale of Hoerl's Decorating Shop, to Florian "Doc" and Darlene Latuszek.

46 years ago
April 7, 1949

Work began this week on the construction of three known distance rifle ranges at Camp Grayling, the Michigan National Guard's summer training reservation, according to the adjutant general's office.

The spring schedule of the Michigan State Ferries, between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, went into effect April 4, on order of Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler, 12 days ahead of the date listed on the printed schedules and the earliest date on record.

The annual Grayling High School basketball banquet was held last Tuesday evening at the school. The event was sponsored in honor of members of the team and their fathers.

Effective Monday, April 4, the B-C-D Store and Jorgenson's Building Maintenance Service became one. The two firms have been planning on the merger for some time, but it was not announced by Walter Duerr of B-C-D and Stephan (Bud) Jorgenson of the Building Maintenance Service until Monday.

Guests at the Joe Olson home last Sunday included Mrs. N. Muer and Mrs. Borchers and the Herbert Olson family, all of Grayling.

Charley Feldhauser, Mrs. Jenny Petersen and Mrs. Christine Feldhauser made a trip to Traverse City Thursday. They encountered the snow storm in that territory.

Miss Caroline Nelson is home from the U. of M., Ann Arbor, enjoying spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nelson.

Mrs. M. Brammer of Cedar Springs is the guest of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. V. Hartman.

Mrs. William LaRush spent last week in Detroit visiting her brother, Edward Fennell, who was a patient at General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babbitt and son, Howard, visited with Arnold Babbitt and family in Kalamazoo over the

weekend.

Frank Rood and daughter, Mrs. George Lowe, spent Saturday and Sunday in Mt. Pleasant visiting his sister, Mrs. D. C. O'Boyle. George Lowe and children spent Sunday in Mio visiting his parents.

The fire department was called out Monday at about 11:30 to extinguish a fire in a small building at the corner of Smith and Plum streets, the result of a grass fire.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alma, March 27, a son, and he will be known as Rex.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moriarity of Bay City spent last weekend with his sister and family, the Charles Madills.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson are spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson. Don is on spring vacation from his studies at the University of Michigan.

James Baker of Grayling is the clerk at the Lozon Store in Frederic.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren B. Cooksey and daughters, Mary Sue and Barbara, of Detroit, took advantage of the warmer weather and enjoyed the weekend at their summer home, Sunrise.

69 years ago
April 8, 1926

Miss Elizabeth Matson returned Monday from Detroit, where she had spent the spring vacation visiting her sister, Janet, and brother, Farnham.

Miss Vella Hermann, who teaches in Port Huron, is spending spring vacation at her home here and has as her guest, Miss Bernice Lester.

Misses Lillian Jordan and Alice Malloy entertained St. Mary's Sodality at the home of the former Tuesday.

Miss Agda Johnson entertained a number of friends at her home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Gothro and Mrs. Clarence Brown entertained at a delightful surprise birthday party Monday evening at the Brown home to honor Miss Ellen Gothro.

Miss Anna Fisher has returned to Grayling Mercy Hospital after completing a 6-month course at a Grand Rapids hospital.

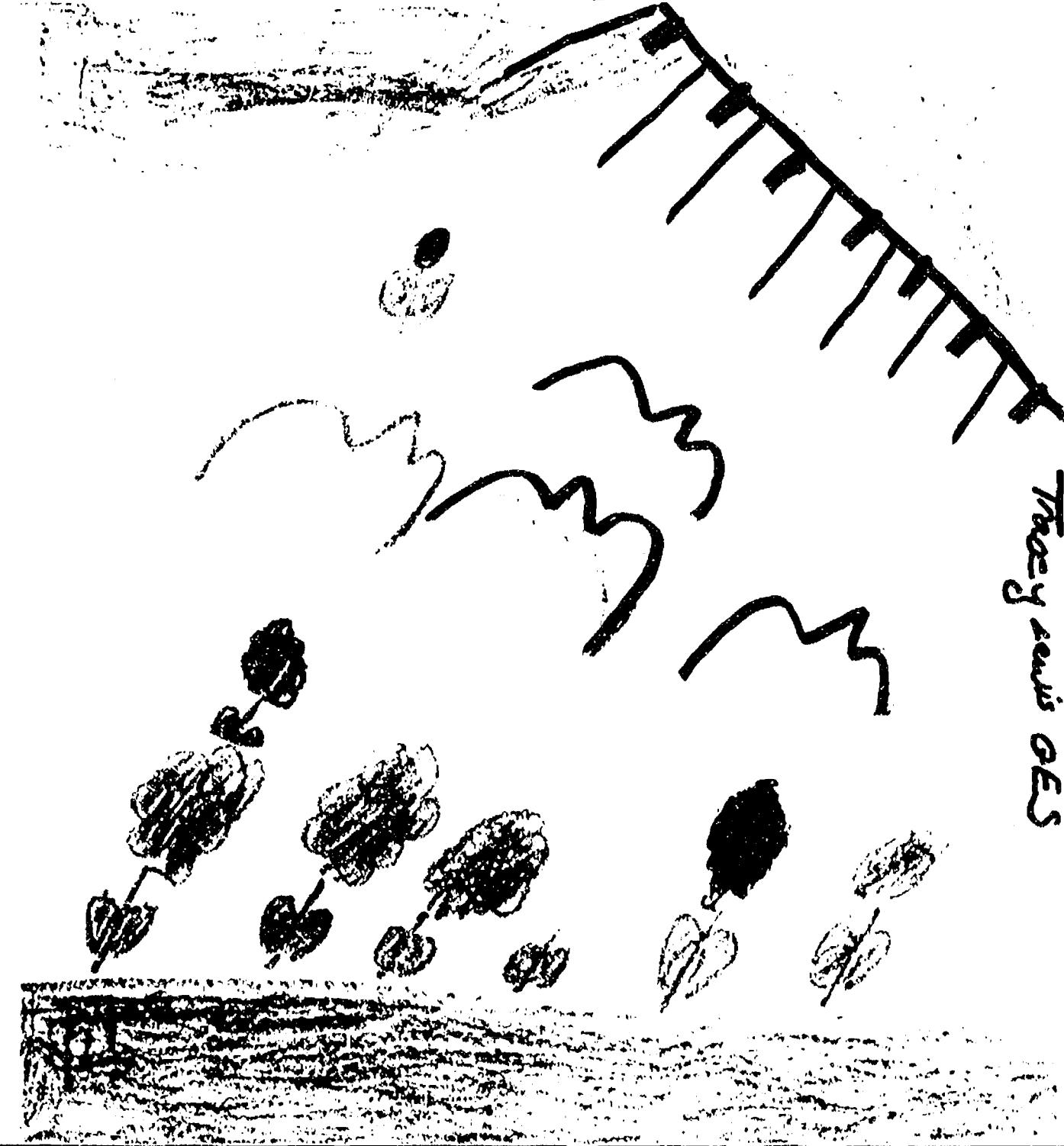
Ernest Jorgenson accompanied by Hurl Deckrow, Miss Zallo Bonham, Mildred Sherman, and Helga Jorgenson left Detroit Sunday by auto for Grayling, but due to the amount of snow they only got as far as Roscommon, coming on to Grayling by rail.

John Parsons of Frederic, has his

restaurant in fine shape and is expecting to do a good business during the tourist season.


Members of the congregation of the Free Methodist Church have purchased one of the empty houses in T-town and had it removed to a lot adjoining the church. It is to be remodeled and will serve as a parsonage.

Weather picture



Date	High	Low	Rain or snow	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for mostly cloudy skies, with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. The highs will be in the upper 20s. Thursday will be mostly cloudy, with a chance of snow. The highs will be in the low 30s, with the lows in the teens. Friday calls for a chance of light snow, possibly mixed with light rain. The highs will be in the high 30s to near 40, with the lows in the upper teens to the mid 20s. Saturday calls for light rain or light snow, with the highs in the mid 30s to the low 40s, and the lows in the 20s.
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3/30	54	24			
3/31	34	26			
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4/2	42	15			
4/3	47	20			
4/4	58	22			

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MORE SUPPORT FOR KIDS--Crawford County Historical Society Curator Robert Ruddy (R) holds a check in the amount of \$1,000 given by the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Irving McIsaac (L) of the Booster Club made the presentation. The donation will pay the admission charge for all kids going through the Crawford County Historical Museum complex in 1995. The Booster Club has made the same donation for many consecutive years.

Two tree/shrub-care workshops set for April

In an effort to update area professionals on the latest techniques in the care of trees and shrubs, two workshops have been scheduled. Both will offer a variety of topics including:

- Selection of trees and shrubs for institutions;
- Design in the landscape;
- Hazard tree recognition;
- Insects and diseases;
- Tree and shrub planting;
- Proper maintenance (fertilizing, pruning, watering); and
- Environmentally-sound turf management.

Participants can choose from the following sessions: Tuesday, April 11, at the Eastern U.P. ISD Building,

315 Armory Place, Sault Ste. Marie; or Wednesday, April 12, at the NCMC Library Conference Center, Petoskey. Both sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The targeted audience includes: Public and private agencies, maintenance employees for golf courses, schools, hospitals, condominium associations, nursery employees, lawn-care professionals, and any other persons that plant or care for trees and shrubs as part of their employment, or are interested for personal knowledge. The cost of the workshop will be \$25 per person which covers lunch, materials and other associated expenses.

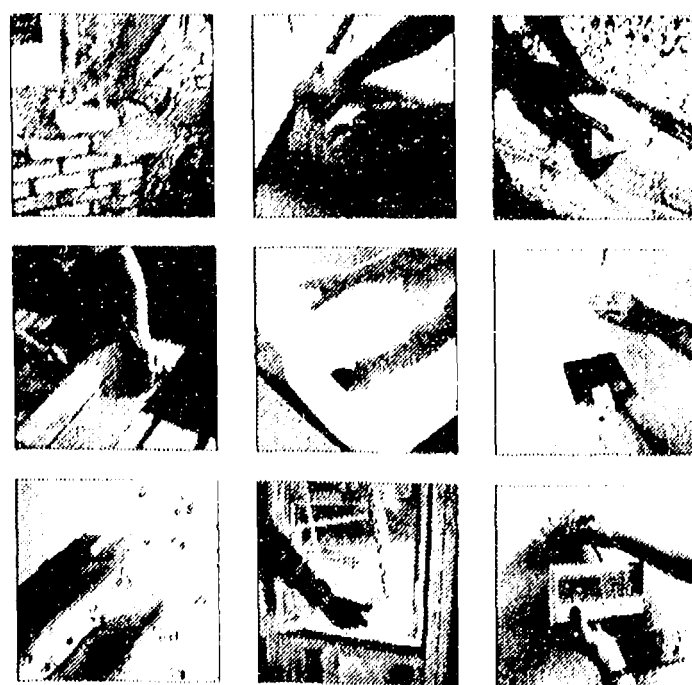
Registration forms are available from the local MSU Extension office in the basement of the Crawford County courthouse, or the Emmet County MSU Extension at (616) 348-1770 or Chippewa County at (906) 635-6368.

Card of thanks

We would like to thank all the special people who showed their love and concern for our father during these last few months while he was so ill. To Dr. Steffe, to the staff and residents at Mercy Manor, a special thank you for all your care and support. To all our family and friends who expressed their love through visits, cards and flowers, we thank you. Your acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

The family of Elmer Fenton

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Lowe sponsors tourism seminar

A Welsh tourism expert will be the featured speaker at an April 24 rural tourism seminar in Gaylord, said state Rep. Allen Lowe, sponsor of the event.

Sir Brooke Boothby, chairman of Tourism Quality Services in Wales, will discuss quality systems in tourism. Boothby is former chairman of the Historic House Association and the National Caravan Council Parks Division. He lives in Fommon Castle, which is the oldest inhabited castle in Wales, and operates a 2,000-acre farm. "We are excited that Sir Brooke is coming to the seminar," said Lowe, R-Grayling. "He should provide a fascinating international perspective on the growing importance of the travel industry."

The 105th District lawmaker said Boothby and other guest speakers will make their presentations at the Treetops Sylvan Resort from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other guest presenters include:

• Philip Alexander, district tourism

agent, Michigan State University 4-H Extension.

• Steve Arwood, director of industry and investment relations, Michigan Jobs Commission.

• Joseph LaLopa, research specialist, MSU Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resources Center.

• Daniel Spotts, assistant professor, MSU Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center.

"This will be a great opportunity for northern Michigan business owners to interact with individuals from different levels of the travel industry. I encourage everyone interested to attend this informative and interesting seminar," said Lowe, who serves on the House Tourism and Recreation Committee.

There is a \$15 registration fee, payable at the door, which includes lunch and the seminars. To register or obtain additional information call (517) 373-0829 or write Lowe at the state Capitol, Lansing, MI 48913.

Separate network planned for missing children

By Mary J. Gawenda
Capital News Service

Where would you go if your son or daughter is missing, and how would you get him or her back?

If legislation introduced by a west Michigan representative is passed by the Senate, it could be easier to alert police and find your missing child.

An amendment to a 1968 law would require law enforcement agencies to send data to a separate network for missing children only.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, passed the House unanimously and was referred to the Senate Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

The computer system is called a "clearinghouse," where only information on missing children is entered from another computer system called Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).

LEIN compiles data about everything from stolen cars, robberies and all missing persons. The data from LEIN is connected with a national computer database called the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

With all the data to search through on NCIC, it is difficult for law enforcement agencies to target information on missing children, said Teresa Klingensmith.

Klingensmith is the legal affairs manager for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a federal program that helps find missing children and educates people about sexual exploitation of children.

"We can easily institute the clearinghouse to protect children and help parents keep their sanity," McManus said.

McManus learned that Michigan is one of five states in the nation without

a clearinghouse network when Bill Seater of Traverse City, brought it to her attention.

Seater is the assistant editor of the *Michigan Vietnam Veterans of America News* and wanted to put the pictures of missing children in the newspaper.

After contacting a Florida organization that sent him pictures and other information, Seater talked to McManus about the need for more information about missing children.

About 5,000 copies of the VVA newspaper are sent to 600 chapters in the nation, and other chapters have begun publishing pictures of missing children, he said.

About 1,000 Michigan children were missing in 1993, the last year statistics are available.

Grants for computers and software programs are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, and existing funds within the State Police budget will be used for the clearinghouse, to keep costs down, McManus said.

Not everybody within the Michigan State Police is optimistic about the clearinghouse.

"About 95 percent of everything they are asking for in that bill is already being done," said Sgt. Sandra Thompson, the unofficial state police liaison for the children's center.

Information about missing children is already immediately available on the Michigan and national computer systems and by contacting the media, Thompson said.

Departments already can make a statewide or regional broadcast to alert other agencies about a missing child, said Patrick O'Toole, legislative liaison for the state police.

The clearinghouse would help focus information about children abducted by a parent, he said.

"We believe it will help, but we do not think it will be a huge effort," O'Toole said.

Lovells study group to meet

The April 12 meeting of the Lovells study group will be held at the Lovells Township Hall at 12 noon. The members are reminded that there will be a silent auction, the proceeds to be presented to the RSVP.

Also, members are asked to bring an Easter card to brighten up the season for some of the nursing home residents.

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